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Let Roosevelt Arbitrate

Indo-British Issue Is Of World Concern

AMERICAN APPEAL TO INDIAN PEOPLE

"New Statesman's" Support To Congress Demand

ALLAHABAD, April 17.

That President Roosevelt be requested to arbitrate on the Indian problem so that "a just and practical solution might be reached for the duration of the war", is suggested by Senator John R. Vadewater of Chicago in a telegram to Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru.

TEXT OF MESSAGE

The telegram runs as follows:—"I ask that you communicate to your people the following expression of American public opinion. The American people are both fully sympathetic with India's cause and cognizant of the problem, which Britain faces with an historically divided India.

We firmly believe that the successful settlement of differences by Britain and India and their unity of purposeful action is a matter of world as well as local responsibility and concern.

The people of America, therefore, urge that Britain and India continue to seek this unity both in fact and in spirit. We suggest that they ask the President of the United States to act as arbiter in order that a just and practical solution might be reached for the duration of the war.

We make this request and suggestion with the earnest wish that the Indian peoples must and shall receive their deserved human equality and their full self-Government just as soon as they are able".—A.P.

ONLY NATIONAL GOVT. CAN DO IT

LONDON: Commenting on the Indian Defence position in the light of the breakdown of the Cripps negotiations the "NEW STATESMAN" says the only hopeful tactics would be such as the Chinese adopted and this "could be done only if a National Government trusted by the people could light in their hearts the flame of patriotic enthusiasm". Indians are bound to reflect, the the "NEW STATESMAN" adds, "that if we really mean after the war to make India in full legal form a Dominion with the right of secession, we should be ready today to entrust their leaders in effect with practical powers of Dominion statesmen."

"The case for doing so is not merely that good faith demands it.

An overwhelming and unanswerable case is that only when they see an Indian National Government exercising reality of power in Delhi will the masses throw themseives into a struggle for their own freedom".

Iraq Paper Supports Indian Freedom

PESHAWAR, April 16.

"Indians deserve independence, liberty, and self-government as much as other free nations of the world", writes the "Al-Akhbar", a leading newspaper of Iraq commenting on the recent political developments in India. The paper adds that leaders of public opinion in England would not fail to appreciate this vital phase of India through which she is passing to-day.—United Press.

Two 'Nazi Agents' Jailed

LOUISVILLE (Kentucky), April 17.

George Bodenschat aged 49 and his wife Viola ten years older were each sentenced to five years' imprisonment and fined 3,000 dollars in the Federal Courts here to-day on charges of being registered Nazi agents. Bodenschatz's brother Karr was stated to be an officer in the American army.—Reuter.

JAP REGARD FOR TRUTH

LONDON, April 17.

The Japanese News Agency claimed on Wednesday that Japanese warships had attacked a convoy and sunk fifteen merchant ships within an hour.

The truth is that there was no convoy in the area which the Japanese fleet could have attacked, it is stated in London today.—Reuter.

R. A. F. Keeps Up Big Offensive Sweeps

LONDON, April 17.

In a fighter sweep over the Calais and Boulogne area this morning Hurricanes bombed a factory at Marquice, midway between Calais and Boulogne.

BIG OFFENSIVE BEING KEPT UP

The R.A.F. is keeping up its big offensive to-day. A strong force of fighters and some bombers crossed over Deal this afternoon flying south-eastwards. Observers could see scores of planes. Within five minutes explosions, probably gunfire, could be heard and were felt on the British side of the Channel.

Submarine Base Raided

An Air Ministry 'communique' states:—"Last night aircraft of the Bomber Command attacked the submarine base at L'Orient and docks at Le Havre.

Fighter Command aircraft attacked enemy aerodromes in Holland and Northern France.

In one of these attacks a German bomber was intercepted and destroyed. Two aircraft of the Bomber Command are missing.

It is now known that a Stirling bomber destroyed an enemy fighter during Tuesday night's raids on Ruhr."

Berlin Admits It

BERLIN:—The R.A.F. raided Western Germany last night, according to the Berlin radio.

Value Of These Attacks

NEW YORK:—A still greater weight of British bombing on German and German-controlled industry than ever before was forecast by the British air attache, Air Commodore Thornton, speaking here on Thursday night.

The most intense attack might not entirely dislocate production, he said, but would certainly have "such effect on the German industrial machine and the German people that it would pave the way for whatever form of final offensive it was decided to undertake".

Air Commodore Thornton added that this offencive was indirected of great assistance to the Russians.—Reuter.

Evacuation Of Norway's Coastal Population

STOCKHOLM, April 17.

It is reported from Norway that during the last week long-range batteries, brought up from outside were carrying out practise firing off the Norwegian West Coast and Northern Norway. Shipping and fishing have been temporarily stopped on long stretches of the coast particularly in the Molde and Troemsoe areas. Extensive evacuation of coastal population occurred and coastal traffic on certain days was wholly or partially suspended.—Reuter.

Laval Cabinet Probables

(From Our Correspondent)

VICHY, April 17.

M. Laval visited Marshal Petain at 1 p.m. and presented to him a list of probables for the new Cabinet, but still an unofficial list.

M. Laval becomes the Chief of the Cabinet with the portfolios of Foreign Affairs, Interior and Propaganda in his charge. Gen. Dentz or Gen. Bridoux is tipped for the post of War Minister while the Air Minister is Gen. Jennequin and the Minister for the Navy is Admiral Aphanz.

The Portfolio for Finance goes to Pierre Cathala and that of Labour goes to Jean La Gardelle, who is a veteran Syndicalist. Justice Joseph Barthelemy is retained in the new Cabinet.

Laval May Be Used As Peace Mediator

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, April 17.

The suspicion that Germany may have forced Laval back into the Vichy Government not only to cover her rear during the crucial year of the war, but also as a potential peace mediator if Hitler's climax offensive fails to crush the Red Army, has occurred to some diplomats here.

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10,000 ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED

DALLAS, April 17.

Every British soldier for whom shipping space is available is being sent outside the British Isles to strategic battle-grounds around the globe, declared Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, in a speech at a dinner here.

The R.A.F. had 'torn out of the skies 10,000 enemy planes' since the start of the war, Lord Halifax said. Britain had constantly on duty no less than 600 naval vessels patrolling and fighting the Axis in all waters of the world.

Eighty per cent of all war production was being sent out of Britain.

"With Britain and the United States on the same side," Lord Halifax concluded, "The outcome of the war ought to be plain even to the most thick-headed German."—Reuter.

Churna Island In Air-Bombing Range

KARACHI, April 17.

The Fortress Commander, Karachi, announces that Churna Island, which lies five miles west of the mouth of the Hub River and five and a half miles north-west of Cape Monze, will henceforth be used as an air-bombing range, and that any vessel which proceeds within a mile of the perimeter of this island will do so at its own risk.—United Press.

Emir Mansour, son of King Ibn Saud, recently saw R. A. F. heavy bombers and witnessed a demonstration of manoeuvrability by a fighter. Emir Mansour is shown how a bomb works.

CONGRESS MEDICAL MISSION TO MANIPUR

CALCUTTA, April 17.

The Indian National Congress, it is learnt here propose to send a medical mission to Manipur (Assam) in order to provide for the medical relief of evacuees from Burma.

The final decision on the matter will be taken by the Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who will arrive here tomorrow morning from Allahabad 'en route' to Manipur, in consultation with the Provincial Congress Committee in the course of the next two or three days. Arrangements, in this connection, will be made by the medical section of the Bengal Civil Protection Committee organised by the B. P. V. C.

The Congress President and Pandit Nehru will discuss with Congress workers of the Province the present political situation and the Congress programme to-morrow afternoon.—A. P.

JAWAHAR LEAVES FOR CALCUTTA

ALLAHABAD, April 17.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru left for Calcutta this evening.

After a stay of two days at Calcutta Pandit Nehru will proceed to Gauhati, where he expects to meet Congress workers from different parts of Assam. If possible, Pandit Nehru will be back in Allahabad in time for the Congress Working Committee meeting on April 27.

Bombay Businessmen Meet Mahatma

WARDHAGANJ, April 17.

Mr. Shantikumar Morarjee, Managing Agent of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company, Rai Bahadur Virji Daga, President of the Burma Indian Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. B. K. Dadachanji, Secretary of the Burma Indian Association, arrived here yesterday. After interviewing Mahatma Gandhi at Sewagram the party left for Bombay last evening.

Mr. Dadachanji told the 'United Press' that they interviewed Gandhiji in connection with the formation of a central Committee to effect evacuation of the remaining Indians in Burma, who number about 800,000. He said that Gandhiji blessed the idea and promised to give his full support to it.

Mr. Dadachanji has already seen Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who also supported the proposal for forming such a committee.

The sponsors of the committee are meeting other leaders also to enlist their support.

Cochin Govt. Moves To Trichur

ERNAKULAM, April 17.

The Cochin Government have decided to move the Secretariat, except a small staff to deal with urgent papers, to Trichur, due to the present war situation. A Press Note issued last evening states that the question of transferring the Government treasury from Ernakulam is being examined. However, headquarters of the Maharaja and the Diwan will continue to be in Tripunithura and Ernakulam respectively.

The Cochin Council fixed to meet on April 20, has been adjourned to a date to be notified later.—A. P.

Azad's Plea To Mahatma

Request To Attend A.I.C.C. Session At Allahabad

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, April 17.

It is understood that the Congress President is in communication with Gandhiji and persuading Gandhiji to attend the forthcoming session of the All-India Congress Committee. Although Gandhiji is not yet willing to attend the session it is hoped he will be brought round ultimately to attend it.

Arrangements for construction of the A. I. C. C. pandal in Tagore Nagar are in progress. Mr. Feroz Gandhi is the convener of the Construction and Decoration Sub-Committee. Arrangements for 5,000 visitors are being made.

Preparations For A.I.C.C.

The Organising Committee formed under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. N. Katju to make arrangements in connection with the forthcoming Session of the All-India Congress Committee at Allahabad has appointed several Sub-Committees and has co-opted Mr. R. N. Basu, Chairman, Municipal Board, Maulana Shahid Fakhri, Dr. Zaidi and Mr. Abdul Latif as the members of the Committee. The Session will be held in a pandal to be erected in Tagore Nagar and arrangements are being made to accommodate about 5,000 visitors. The rate of tickets for the visitors will be Rs. 25, Rs. 10, Rs. 5 for the whole Session and Rs. 2 per sitting. The ticket for women will be Rs. 2 for the Session.

A sum of Rs. 1,500 has been collected so far for initial expenses Dr. Katju contributing Rs. 750, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Rs. 250, Rai Anarnath Agarwal Rs. 250, Mr. R. S. Pandit Rs. 100 and Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit Rs. 100 and Mr. Prasidh Narain Rs. 100.

The office of the Organising Committee is to be opened to-day at Fort Road, Tagore Nagar, Allahabad.

Mr. Muzaffar Hussain, Convener, Volunteers Sub-Committee has issued an appeal for at least 300 volunteers for the Session.—A. P.

NATURAL OIL IN SOUTH AFRICA?

CAPETOWN, April 17.

There is a possibility of finding natural oil in the Union of South Africa.

This was revealed by Col. F. C. Stallard, Minister for Mines, moving the second reading of the Natural Oil Bill. Evidence given before the Select Committee on the Bill has shown that this possibility exists, he said. The Bill would vest power to exploit such oil in the State, which could either exploit it itself or transfer the right to do so to anybody else chosen, subject to strict regulations. The debate was adjourned.—Reuter.

CONGRESS PRESIDENT BACK AT CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, April 17.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, arrived here this morning by the Delhi Mail after attending the meeting of the Congress Working Committee at Delhi.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru will arrive here to-morrow morning 'en route' to Manipur where he is going to visit the refugees' camps.

Br. Forces Withdraw North Of Magwe

'Scorched Earth' Hits Burma's Most Important Oilfield

NEW DELHI, April 17.

Owing to severe enemy pressure on our right flank, our forces there have withdrawn north of Magwe, says a Communique referring to the Irrawaddy front.

Oilfields at Yenangyaung have been destroyed, continues the Communique.

Our forces in the Taungdwingyi area are still successfully protecting the right flank of Chinese Expeditionary Force.

WITHDRAWAL BY NIGHT

After inflicting severe casualties the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry successfully withdrew by night from Myingun and rejoined our forces. This regiment distinguished itself in this gallant action with great determination and bravery and suffered very little loss.

Allied aircraft yesterday carried out extensive reconnaissances over enemy territory with excellent results.

Details of air actions are available. In an attack on a northern airfield on April 10 the R. A. F. destroyed one navy type aeroplane and damaged two, while the A. V. G. destroyed six navy type fighters. Our losses were one aircraft. On April 12 our Blenheims, in support of the army, bombed Nungbintha at very low level with considerable success. Three A. V. G. Fighters attacked Toungoo aerodrome and destroyed two bombers and one twin-engined reconnaissance aircraft, with no loss to themselves. Reconnaissance after the raid on April 13 on Finbaungwe showed that the attack was very successful.

REFUGEES FROM BURMA PORTS

Evacuation of 40,000 Indians from the Burma ports have now been completed, says a Press Note. During the past four weeks these Indian refugees have been safely transported from Burma to India.

The evacuation was organised by the Royal Indian Navy and carried out by Commodore, Burma Coast. A number of the Indian Navy ships, which were off the Burma coast, when evacuation operations were begun, helped in the work under constant threat from enemy dive-bombers. The untiring efforts of the medical personnel were successful in preventing the spread of cholera and other diseases.

A. V. G. CHIEF PROMOTED

WASHINGTON:— Col. Claire Chennault, chief of the American Volunteer Air Group "fighting tigers" in Burma has been nominated by President Roosevelt for promotion to Brigadier-General. Brigadier-Generals promoted to Major-Generals include the Chief of Staff of the Army Ground Forces, Mark Clark, and Chief of the Selective Service Lewis Hershey.

GREAT LOSS TO CHINA AND ALLIES

LONDON:— The Yenangyaung oilfields mentioned in the Burma Communique as having been destroyed are situated 22 miles north of Magwe. It is learned in authoritative quarters in London that they are among the most important in Burma and their output of one million gallons monthly was of the greatest importance to China as well as to the Allied forces in Burma.

Fighting On Three Main Fronts

CHUNGKING, April 17.

The fighting continues on the three main fronts in Burma:—Along the Irrawaddy near Magwe along the Burma Rail-Road near Myohla and in the Salween region near Mawchi.

Near the Mawchi region, a large scale Japanese offensive is developing, apparently aimed at an eventful thrust against the Mandalay-Lashio Road. Units of the Chinese Expeditionary force in Burma, which were forced to retire from Thagaya on the evening of April 13 have been engaging

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A.R.P. SIREN PLAYS TRUANT

But City Public Show Full Preparedness

BOMBAY, April 17.

Due to a mechanical defect the air-raid siren on the Mint building in Ballard Pier area sounded this afternoon. It was an accident and not part of any air-raid warning.

The accidental sounding of the air-raid siren in the Mnit building area in Ballard Pier—which, by the way, was the "All Clear"—incidentally tested the efficiency of the A. R. P. Organisation of the city and revealed the discipline and preparedness of the citizens.

There was not the least sign of panic, and the people in the area showed that they knew exactly what to do in case of an air-raid warning. Within four minutes of the alarm, the streets emptied traffic came to a halt, and people took cover in an orderly, disciplined manner.

The A. R. P. wardens and volunteers were immediately at their posts and even roof-spotters had taken up their positions.

People inside buildings were in their air-raid shelters and the lifts came down. And almost every petty detail of air-raid precautions were seen to be observed by the people in the area.

STOP PRESS

JHANSI CONGRESS SECRETARY ARRESTED

JHANSI, April 17.

Mr. Ramsahai Sharma, Secretary of the District Congress Committee was arrested to-day under the Defence of India Rules for making two anti-war speeches.—A.P.

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A Male Swimming Instructor with good physique, with knowledge of first aid preferred, for Pransukhlal Mafatlal Hindu Swimming Pools. See Mr. Soondardass Morarjee, 31, Forbes Street, Fort, between Monday and Thursday, both days inclusive, between 2 and 3 p. m. (16082)

Wanted an Inspector for Sanitary Department in the grade of Rs. 40-3-70. Apply stating age, experience and qualifications to the President, Parle-Andheri Municipality, Nehru Road, Vile Parle before the 27th April, 1942. Those prepared to stay within the Municipal area need only apply. (8097)

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Wanted immediately a B. Ag. for Raita Branch of the Bombay Pinjrapole in the grade of 60-5-95 with Provident Fund benefits. Free quarters and servant. Gujarati knowing preferred. Apply with qualifications to the Secretary Bombay Pinjrapole, Post Girgaon. (8060)

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Wanted—150 Candidates, desirous of services in India as Station Masters, Guards, Signallers etc. Free training, lodging, Scholarship Rs. 70/- and Rail fare terms. Apply with stamp to:—The Superintendent, Railway Training School, Ambala City. (16070)

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Wanted a Healthy, loving Hindu Lady to look after a motherless child of six years old, no caste restriction stating minimum salary apply with full particulars to Box No. 16072, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted urgently Lady-Doctor, Dairy-Expert, Typist, Shorthand Typist and Graduate in Agriculture for service in Gujarat. Apply stating full qualifications, experience and minimum salary acceptable to Box 16058, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted the following from July, 15th, apply with testimonials. Candidates having keen interest in their work and willing to work with a missionary zeal and spirit need only apply. Mistress for teaching Science, Mathematics, History, Geography, Hindi, Sanskrit, Domestic Science, Games, Drill and Scouting. Pay of trained lady Graduates will be 80-7-150. Pay of untrained teacher according to their qualifications. Higher starting salary may be given to better qualified candidates possessing teaching experience. Wanted a Graduate in Agriculture for the boys school for teaching agriculture and taking charge of a big agriculture farm. Candidates should have practical experience of Indian Farming. Pay according to qualifications. Apply with testimonials stating minimum salary acceptable to the Principal, Intermediate College, Pilani, (Jaipur State). (16063)

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Victoria Gardens Office,
Byculla, Bombay.
Dated, 18th April, 1942.

(8072)

WANTED CLERKS.

AN EXCELLENT opportunity is offered to Matriculates or men upto that standard to serve in the Indian Army as Havildar Clerks.

Starting pay Rs. 63/- per month, with free food, clothes and quarters.

Men who have studied beyond Matriculation or those who have previous clerical experience may be given a higher starting rate of pay if found suitable.

Apply to the nearest of the following.—

1. Technical Recruiting Officer, Staunton Road, Poona.
2. Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Esplanade Maidan, Bombay.
3. Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Assembly Rest House Building, Nagpur.
4. Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Lal Darvaja, Ahmedabad.
5. Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Bungalow No. 39, Camp, Belgaum.

(8096)

BOMBAY-SIND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

WANTED

(i) *Livestock Expert to Government. Pay* Rs. 300-20-420-E.B.-30-660-E.B.-40-900, if a direct recruit (Rs. 250 p.m. for first 2 years) and Rs. 320-40-640-E.B.-40-1,200, if already continuously in Bombay Agricultural Service, Class I, from a date prior to 4th August 1931. Higher starting pay may be given in special cases. *Age.*—Not more than 40 years on 1st August 1942. *Qualifications.*—Honours degree in Agriculture or Veterinary Science with animal husbandry or dairying as a major subject, of a recognised British, Indian or U. S. A. university, and good administrative experience and ability. Special training in animal husbandry and breeding and dairying, experience in practical livestock management, breeding, etc., are additional qualifications.

(ii) *Cotton Breeder, S. M. C., Dharwar. Pay* Rs. 170-10-250-E. B.-15-400-E.B.-20-500 (Rs. 150 p.m. for first 2 years). *Age.*—Not more than 35 years on 1st August 1942. *Qualifications.*—M.Sc. in Botany or B.Sc. in Agriculture of a recognised Indian or foreign university, post-graduate training in plant breeding and genetics, practical experience of breeding and fundamental research in genetics and adequate knowledge of modern statistics and field-plot technique.

(iii) *Assistant Professor of Dairying and Animal Husbandry and Manager, Agricultural College, Kirkee. Pay.*—Rs. 170-10-250-E.B.-15-400-E.B.-20-500 (Rs. 150 p.m. for first 2 years). A higher starting pay may be given according to qualifications and experience. The officer will be given free quarters. *Age.*—Not more than 35 years on 1st August 1942. *Qualifications.*—Honours degree in Science or Agriculture, with special training in dairying and animal husbandry at a recognised Indian, British or U. S. A. university, post-graduate training in animal genetics (principal) and dairying (subsidiary), and practical experience in the breeding and management of dairy herd and management of a big dairy farm growing its own fodder.

Full details may be obtained from the Secretary to the Commission, P. W. D. Secretariat, Bombay. Last date for the receipt of applications on the printed prescribed form (which will be supplied on receipt of an addressed (large) envelope bearing postage stamps of the value of 2-1/2 annas, and one rupee *only* in cash or by an Indian Postal Order (*not* crossed) in favour of the Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission): *16th May 1942.*

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Public Notices

WANTED

For a Mill, situated at ten miles from Lahore (Punjab), one experienced FLY FRAME FITTER, who has worked on Fly Frames by Messrs. Platt Brothers and has at least 10 years experience of erection work. Salary Rs. 100/- per month or according to qualifications. Free unfurnished 2-room quarters will be provided. No light, fuel or other amenities will be allowed. Interview essential. Third Class Railway fare both ways will be paid if not selected. If selected one way 3rd class fare will be paid and the applicant would be expected to stay and start the work immediately. No contract. Apply with copies of testimonials to The Punjab Textile Mills Ltd., P. O. Grand Trunk Road, Near Lahore.

(8102)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned to all their clients to please immediately remove all their papers and documents, etc., in respect of their matters which have been completed and paid for and in respect of those that have not been paid for after payment of the costs thereof failing which and in the event of any loss or damage whatever happening thereto the undersigned will not be held responsible on any account.

Dated this 17th day of April, 1942.

DIKSHIT MANEKLAL & CO.,
Attorneys-at-Law.

8105.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

ISSUE OF PLATFORM TICKETS AT BOMBAY CENTRAL AND DADAR.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that owing to present pressure of passenger traffic, the issue of platform tickets at Bombay Central and Dadar is liable to be suspended at any time.

W. T. ALDOUS,
Chief Traffic Manager.

(8108)

G. I. P. RAILWAY

SPECIAL NOTICE.

WITH EFFECT from 18th April, 1942, and until further Notice Parcel Traffic of any description including perishables and valuables for New Delhi, beyond and via Delhi will not be booked from any G. I. P. Station between Victoria Terminus and Kurla (both inclusive) including City Booking Offices and stations on the Harbour Branch.

(8109)

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

PRESENT CONDITIONS necessitate the rigid observance of Rule 114 of the Railway's Coaching Tariff Part I whereby the Railway reserves the right to refuse to accept for booking and carriage, any luggage required by Railway rules to be carried in the Brake-Van, unless it is fully and legibly addressed in English showing the name and address of the owner and the name of the destination station.

The public are requested to note that luggage not so addressed is liable to be refused.

W. T. ALDOUS,
Chief Traffic Manager.

(8107)

NOTICE.

IT IS NOTIFIED that under Rule 7 of the Defence of India Rules, the following gates in the Prince's and Victoria Docks, will be closed to traffic as indicated with effect from the 20th instant.

SHEPHERD GATE Prince's Dock—entirely closed by day and night.
RED OR MAIN GATE Prince's Dock and YELLOW GATE, Prince's Dock—open to traffic throughout the day and night.
GREEN AND YELLOW GATES, Victoria Dock—entirely closed by day and night.

W. G. H. TEMPLETON,
Manager,
Bombay Port Trust Docks.
17th April, 1942.

(8106)

G. I. P. RAILWAY

CANCELLATION OF MILEAGE COUPONS for MERCANTILE FIRMS

WITH effect from 1st May, 1942 and until further notice the G.I.P. Railway will discontinue the issue of mileage coupon books for mercantile firms.

Coupons from coupon books issued before 1st May, 1942, will however be accepted during the period of their availability.

Coupons from books issued by foreign Railways on or after 1st May, 1942, will not be valid for local journeys over the G.I.P. Railway, but such coupons will be accepted in part payment for the issue of through tickets from stations on this Railway to stations on foreign Railways according to the provisions of para (13) of Rule 88 of Coaching Tariff Part I-A.

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Public Notices

CORRECTION

In the Notice regarding issue of Petrol Coupons published in the "Bombay Chronicle" of 16th issue, the dates for Thana District given as 17th to 28th should be read as 17th to 20th.

AREA RATIONING,
AUTHORITY,
BOMBAY.

(8074)

NOTICE.

Applications are invited from qualified and competent persons for the post of a Typewriter Mechanic in the Central Provision Depot, Dehu Road. Intending applicants must be able to keep in good condition about 30 typewriters that are at present in the Depot. Good pay and prospects. Applications should be addressed to the Chief Ordnance Officer. Central Provision Depot, Dehu Road.

(8098)

Legal Notices

NOTICE

Re: PROPERTY AT KAZI SYED STREET, known as KRISHNA KUNJ.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. NARANDAS TRICUM DAS, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Hamam House, Hamam Street, Fort Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived

SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece or parcel of Quit and Ground tenure land or ground with messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Kazi Syed Street in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 199 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New No. 6359, New Survey No. 2578, Cadastral Survey No. 330 of Mandvi Division and in the books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under 3(B) Ward No. 1348, Street No. 9C and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the North by the house of Masid Karim Sadtar, on or towards the South by the house of Habib Haji Peermahomed, on or towards the East by a sweeper's passage and on or towards the west by Kazi Syed Street.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1942.

PANDIA & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

(8104)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that REVEREND FATHER ZEFERINO DE ANDRADE has contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property free from all encumbrances.

All persons having any right, title, interest, claim or demand in to or upon the said property by way of mortgage, charge, gift, sale, exchange, lease, use, trust, share, possession, inheritance, maintenance, bequest, lien, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to give notice thereof in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 13-13, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, after which period the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

ALL that piece or parcel of Pension and Tax land or ground situate lying and being at Upper Mahim, without the Fort and in the Registration District and Sub-District of Bombay, admeasuring 600 Square Yards or thereabouts bearing Cadastral Survey No. 796 of Mahim Division and registered under Collector's New No. 3524 together with the building and structures thereon assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward 17 (G) Ward No. 5758 (1) Street No. 16D Lane between the Junction of Pitamber Lane and Pachu Kumbar Lane and Tulsi Pipe Road and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East by the property of St. Michael's Church, on or towards the West by a passage on or towards the North by the property of the late Thomas Baptista and on or towards the South by the property of Roque Francis Fonseca.

Dated this 17th day of April, 1942.

DAPHTARY FERREIRA & DIVAN,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

(8103)

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DEVIDAS MADHAVJEE THACKERSEY and DHARAMSEY MADHAVJEE THACKERSEY, both of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office No. 70, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground of the Pension and Tax tenure (both pension and tax whereof have been redeemed) situate, lying and being on the Doongersey Road, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement according to title deeds 4470 square yards or thereabouts and according to the Cadastral Survey Register 4361 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's New No. C/2730, B/2718 and New Survey No. 4/7255, Cadastral Survey No. 197 of Malbar and Cumballa Hills Division together with the dwelling house and all buildings and structures standing thereon assessed by Bombay Municipality under D Ward No. 3156 and Old Street Nos. 18 and 19 and New Street No. 29-C and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the East by the said Doongersey Road, on or towards the West by the Government land, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 211, on or towards the North by the property of Moolji Haridas, and on or towards the South by the property of Bai Shirinbai, widow of Dr. Nusserwanji F. Surveyor and which said premises and are now occupied by the purchasers.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1942.

DESAI & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys.

(8074)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. MATUBHAI KASANBHAI and CHANDAVAHU, wife of the said Mr. Matubhai Kasanbhai as Mortgagees in possession have contracted to sell to one of our clients the undermentioned properties belonging to the Mortgagor Mr. Fazal Rahim. Any person or persons having or making any claim against the said properties by way of sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, exchange, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lien or otherwise howsoever, is or are requested to make the same known in writing to us at our Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

FIRSTLY:—ALL that piece of land with the messuage or dwelling house standing thereon, situate on the West side of Bengalpura Street and on the South side of Janjikar Street, in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 321 (three hundred and twenty-one) square yards or thereabouts and bearing Collectors New Nos. 6088 and 6206 and New Survey Nos. 2335 and 2336, Cadastral Survey No. 146 of Mandvi Division and B Ward Nos. 1564, Old Bengalpura and 1845 Janjikar Street and Street Nos. 78, 86, Old Bengalpura and 235 and 257 Janjikar Street and bounded, on or towards the East by the said Old Bengalpura Street, on or towards the West partly by a Sweepers passage and partly by the property of the late Succaram Santoji, on or towards the North partly by the said Janjikar Street and partly by the property of the said Succaram Santoji and on or towards the South by the property secondly described.

SECONDLY:—ALL that piece of land with the messuage or dwelling house standing thereon, situate on the West side of the Old Bengalpura Street in the Registration District and Sub-District of Bombay containing by admeasurement 179 6/9 one hundred and seventy-nine and six-ninths square yards or thereabouts and bearing Collectors New No. 6087 and New Survey No. 2332 and B Ward No. 1563, Street Nos. 72-76 both the said properties bearing Cadastral Survey No. 146 of the Mandvi Division and bounded on or towards the East by the said Old Bengalpura Street, on or towards the West by a Sweepers passage, on or towards the North by the property firstly described and on or towards the South by the property of Sarafally Mahomedally Towawalla.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1942.

MATUBHAI JAMIETRAM & MADAN,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

(8099)

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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PADMANABH JAGANNIVAS JOSHI in his own capacity and as Manager and Karta of joint and undivided Hindu family has contracted with our clients for the absolute sale to them free from encumbrances of the undermentioned property.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, possession, sale, gift, lease, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise whatsoever are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, as otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to any such claim, if any, and the same will be considered as treated as having been absolutely waived and abandoned.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of (redeemed) Pension and Tax land or ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being on the West side of Kakadwadi in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 323 square yards or thereabouts according to C. S. Register and registered in the Books of Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 93, New No. 801, Old Survey No. 531, New Survey No. 7828 and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 467 of the Girgaum Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 959 and Street Nos. 32 and 32A and bounded as follows:— That is to say on or towards the East by the Kakadwadi Road, on or towards the West by property bearing Cadastral Survey No. 487 of the said Division, on or towards the North by the property bearing Cadastral Survey No. 468 of the said Division and on or towards the South by the property bearing Cadastral Survey No. 466 of the said Division.

Dated this 17th day of April, 1942.

KHANDWALA & CHHOTALAL, Purchasers' Attorneys.

(8101)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. RAMCHANDRA SADASHIV SHETE has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client Mr. WAMANRAO MORESHWAR KOTHARE.

All persons having any right or claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, equitable security, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, possession, trust, maintenance, easement, bequest or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 39, Medows House, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of pension and tax land or ground since redeemed with messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate and being at Mugbhat Cross Lane, in the registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 105 5-7 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 52, New No. 1399, Old Survey No. 501, New Survey No 7154 and Cadastral No. 284 Girgaum Division and in the books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 548 and Street No. 8 and bounded as follows:— that is to say, on or towards the West by the property of Harishchandra Raghunathji, on or towards the South by Mugbhat Cross Lane, on or towards the North by the property of Janardhan Purshottam and on or towards the East by the property of Pandurang Raghoba.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1942.

KOTHARE & CO., Attorneys for the Purchaser. 8075

Auction Sales

VORA & CO.

AUCTION SALE (TO-MORROW SUNDAY at 10-30 A.M. (S.T.) property of a European Gentleman F. Dickinson, Esq., and others at Babula! Mansion, Chowpatty Sea Face, of complete Household and Office Furniture Godrej 28" D quality Fire Proof Safe, Godrej 40" Special Fire Proof Safe, Steel Glass Double Door inside drawers large Cupboard, double door Godrej Cupboard, Remington, Standard and Portable Typewriters Singer Machine, Electric Fans and Lamps, 10 persons Dining Table match with Chairs, Side Board Silver Show Cases, Cabinets, Bookcases, Modern Chesterfield sets, Almyrahs, Centre tables and Teapoys, Dressing Table, Writing Tables Bed with Box Matress, Glass, Crockery, ets. Tel. No. 40213.

VORA & CO.

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. MANU SUBEDAR, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office in Alli Chambers, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of land of the Queens Road Estate of the Government of India with the City and Registration Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 555 square yards or thereabouts being Sub-Plot No. 5 of Plots Nos. 46 and 47 of the said Queens Road Estate and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1875 (part) of Fort division and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the East by Sub Plot No. 4B on or towards the South by Sub-Plot No. 6 leased to Mr. Sultan Currim, on or towards the West by Marine Lines and on or towards the North by the old Scottish Cemetery Garden.

Dated this 15th day of April, 1942.

THAKORDAS DARU HEMANY & CO., Purchaser's Attorneys. (8073)

Auction Sales

BENNETT & CO.

BONAFIDE SALE

Messrs. BENNETT & CO., Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction TO-MORROW SUNDAY, the 19th April, 1942, at 10-30 A.M. (S.T.) at "Cosy Corner" (2nd floor), 29A, Dongersi Road, Malabar Hill, the undermentioned valuable furniture, property of S. GUEVREK. Esq.

LOUIS XVI drawing room suite, gold gilt with "Aubusson" (French) Tapestry, Rich Paintings in Oil and Water, Persian and French Carpets, complete Dining Room Furniture by Maple and John Roberts, LOUIS XVI bedroom suite and other Jacobean and modern furniture, rich silk and tapestry curtains, "LIMOGES" Dinner, Tea and Coffee sets, ST. LOUIS Glassware, Bluthner Boudoir Grand Piano, H M.V Cabinet Gramophone with Classical and Dance Records, Vacuum Cleaner, Electric Hair Dryer, Toaster, Books, Music Books, one Frigidaire, Garden Plants.

Citroen 6 cyl. 18 H.P. Saloon Car.

On View.

AUCTION SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ETC.

Under instructions from the Custodian of Enemy Property Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction on TUESDAY the 21st April, 1942 at 11 A.M. (S.T.) at National Insurance Building (2nd floor) at Hornby Road, Fort, the undermentioned property of Toyo Menkwa Kaisha and Mitsui Bushan Kaisha Ltd. vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property.

Household furniture such as drawing room suites, Chesterfield sofas, dining tables, chairs, tea poys, wardrobes, show cases, iron beds, writing tables, clocks etc.

On view from the 20th inst.

BENNETT & CO.

GANDHI & CO.,

Government Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALE OF PRINTING AND CUTTING MACHINES.

Messrs. GANDHI & CO., Auctioneers will, under instructions from Messrs. Pathare & Liladhar Attorneys for Messrs. Jivaji Jitajee & Co., the 2nd Defendants in High Court Suit No. 529 of 1942 (The Jwala Bank Limited. Plaintiffs. V/s (1) Himatlal Deojibhai Patel and (2) Messrs. Jivaji Jitajee & Co. Defendants.) and in pursuance of the Consent Order dated 14th April, 1942, passed in the said Suit with the consent of the Plaintiffs and the second Defendants therein and other powers enabling the Plaintiffs and the second Defendants, sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 21st April, 1942, at 2-30 p.m. (S. T.), at Ravindra House, near Dhobi Talao, Kalbadevi Road:—

Three Printing Tradle Machines size 14-1/2"x22", 10"x15" and 8"x 12" and one Cutting Machine size 24".

Terms:—25 per cent. Deposit.

GANDHI & CO.

MENESSE & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF 30 BALES BROACH COTTON.

Messrs. MENESSE & Co., will sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd April, 1942, at 2-15 P. M. (S.T.) at Cotton Depot, Sewree near Cotton Exchange Room by order of the Insurance Office concerned the above mentioned cotton slightly damaged by fire and water salved from the fire that occurred on the 10th April, 1942, to cotton of Messrs. Banarasidass Prahaladrai.

The above will be sold in different lots to suit the requirements of the purchasers.

MENESSE & CO.

Auction Sales

UNRESERVED SALE ON SATURDAY, 25TH APRIL, AT 3 P. M.

AND

ON SUNDAY, 26TH APRIL AT 10-30 IN THE MORNING AT SHRI KRISHNA NIWAS, RIDGE ROAD, MALABAR HILL.

By order of the party concerned:—Rich tapestry lined and cane fitted drawing room suites, occasional chairs, fancy teapoys and tables, artistic large cabinets and mirror, set palm stands suitable for palatial rooms, table and cabinet ornaments, Parian and terra cotta figures, marble statues on pedestals, Philco radio, carpets, expanding dining table and chairs, elegant silver cabinets, artistic sideboards, superior silver and platedware, crockery, glassware, well built wardrobes, dressing and robing mirrors, bedsteads, sofas, spring doors, partitions, besides geyser, bath tubs, garden urns and statues and similar other household articles.

On view on and from the 19th inst. from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M Catalogues on application.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO., 123, Medows Street, Bombay.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London April 16.

The Stock Exchange was steady with fair selective inquiry mainly for cunard whose ordinaries were nine pence higher at fifteen and nine and six per cent. preference advanced four points. Tobaccos and breweries were also both usefully higher. Oils too were lightly supported, mexeagles and shells hardening. Gilt-edged maintained their level while in the foreign bond market Brazilians continued to meet inquiry. Kaffirs produced the only dull feature being affected by French uncertainties and were widely lowered.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, April 17.

LONDON :—
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/5 9/32 2 months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Three months.
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Four months
B. C Rates :—T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/6 31/32 D D 1/6 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32: D D 1/6 5/32
NEW YORK :—
Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4; D D Rs 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2; D D Rs 329 1/2
MONTREAL :—
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2; D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 1/4; D D Rs 298 3/4
BERNE :—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4; D D nil
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil
STOCKHOLM :—
Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128
MEXICO :—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27; D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs 63.04; D D Rs 62.04
LISBON :—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nominal; D D Esc 7.35 nominal.
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA :—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8; D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T nil; D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange : Steady
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready : 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money :- Call 1/2 per cent
1 and 2 months 3/4 per cent.
3 to 5 months 1 per cent
6 to 9 months 1 1/4 per cent
Tone :—Steady.

Imperial Bank Of India

Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 10th April 1942.

LIABILITIES.	Rs.	Rs.
CAPITAL :—		
Authorised—2,25 000 shares of Rs. 500 each		11,25,00,000
Issued and Subscribed—2,25 000 shares of Rs. 500 each		11,25,00,000
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, fully paid		3,75,00.000
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, Rs. 125 paid		1,87,50,000
		5,62,50,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares		5,62 50,000
Reserve Fund		5,62.50,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts		118,98,58,000
Loans against Securities per contra		—
Acceptances for Constituents		—
Sundries		88,24,000
	Rupees	131,11,82,000
ASSETS.	Rs.	Rs.
INVESTMENTS :—		
Government Securities	65,29.03,000	
Other Authorised Investments	1,29,21,000	66,58,24,000
ADVANCES :—		
Loans Cash Credits and Overdrafts	9,92.30.000	
Bills Discounted and Purchased	24,50,80 000	
	8,39,17,000	42,82,27,000
Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra		1,80,81,000
Dead Stock		73,41,000
Sundries		
Bullion		
CASH :—		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	17,16,31 000	
Balances with other Banks	2,00,78,000	19,17,09,000
	Rupees	131,11,82,000

Imperial Bank Of India

CALCUTTA, April 16

Following is the statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 10th April, 1942 :—

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital	5,62 50,000
Reserve Fund	5,62,50,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and Other Accounts	118,98.58,000
Sundries	88,24,000
Total	131,11,82,000

ASSETS	Rs.
INVESTMENTS :—	
Government securities	65 29.03,000
Other authorised investments	1,29,21,000
ADVANCES :—	
Loans	9,92,30,000
Cash, Credits and Overdrafts	24,50,80.000
Bills discounted and purchased	8,39,17,000
Dead stock	1,80 81,000
Sundries	73,41,000
CASH :—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	17,16,31,000
Balances with other banks	2,00,78,000
Total	131,11,82,000

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Restricted Turnover

Bombay, April 17.

The local Share Bazar was quietly steady to-day with a restricted turnover. Prices are nominally quoted in the absence of any important business Tata Steel Dfds were quoted at Rs. 1105 and Ordinary Shares were placed at Rs. 208 Cotton Mill shares failed to show any important change.

It appears that in over and above nervousness it being summer people are living City and there is hardly any business worth the name. The Board has fixed make-up quotations for the next settlement. The market remains dull and uninteresting.

Yesterday Wall Street action indicated a further recovery after the upset on Laval news with several leaders advancing fractionally including steels and motors. Early gains were lost in the latter part. U. S. Steel shares closed 1/8 at 47 1/2. Anaconda coppers were unchanged at 24 5/8 and General motors closed 1/4 higher at 33 3/4 dol.

TEXTILES		
	Bombay, April 17.	
100 Ahmedabad Advance		298 12
250 BOMBAY DYEING		1000 0
100 CENTURY		348 0
100 CENTRAL INDIA		315 0
100 Colaba X.D.		136 4
100 Coorla		120 0
250 Dawn		530 0
250 David		300 0
1 E. D. Sassoon Defd.		2 0 6
100 FINLAY		177 0
100 GOKAK		239 0
1000 Hindustan		2282 8
100 Indore		235 0
100 Khatau		214 6
100 KOHINOOR X.D.		399 0
250 LAXMI		655 0
100 Madhusudan		320 0
100 MORARJI		470 0
250 Model X.D.		208 12
50 MYSORE		125 0
200 NEW GREAT X.D.		240 0
100 Podar X. D		168 12
100 Phoenix		385 0
25 Sassoon Silk		81 0
1000 Sholapur		5000 0
50 SIMPLEX		148 0
100 SWADESHI		390 0
100 SWAN		180 0
500 Vishnu		1550 0
1000 Western		1550 0
BANKS		
50-100 Baroda X.D.		103 4
25-50 Central India X. D.		37 0
500 Imperial		1371 4
125-500 Imp. Cont.		337 8
50-100 India X. D.		130 0
100 RESERVE BANK		92 0
5 Union X. D.		5 12
CEMENTS		
100 ASSOCIATED X. D.		155 0
INSURANCE		
15-75 New India		39 8
100 Empire		700 0
15-100 Jupiter		13 4
20 Mercantile		50 0
200 Oriental		3500 0
10-50 Vulcan		7 14
ELECTRIC		
100 Ahmedabad Old X.D.		156 4
1000 ANDHRA VALLEY		1510 0
10 Ajmer		13 1
50 BOMBAY TRAMS		129 0
100 Bombay Suburban		170 0
10 Broach		13 6
100 Karachi		196 0
100 Poona		215 0
100 Surat		170 10
100 TATA HYDRO		153 0
1000 TATA POWER		1330 0
RAILWAYS		
500 Ahmedabad Prantij X.D.		850 0
100 C. Province		101 0
100 Dhond Baramati		104 4
100 Gujarat		102 0
100 Mandra Bhon		100 0
100 Pachora Jamner		92 8
100 Sara Sirajganj		95 8
500 Tapti Valley X. D.		617 8
MININGS		
9 Burma Corporation		1 9
5sh. Indian Copper		1 8 6
10 Indian Iron and Steel		21 2
40 SHIVRAJPUR		29 0
10 Mukund Iron		13 15
30 TATA STEEL DEFD		1240 0
75 TATA STEEL ORD		225 0
10 Steel Corporation		12 14
MISCELLANEOUS		
100 ALCOCK		425 0
10 Air Services		3 0
50 BELAPUR SUGAR		218 0
200 Bombay Safe Deposit		650 0
250 BOMBAY STEAM		316 0
125 B. BURMA		200 0
50 Contributory		62 8
8sh. Br B. Petrol		1 2
100 IND. BLEACHING		140 0
50 Ind. Invest. Trust X.D.		44 8
500 Indian Radio Def		360 0
100 Indian Radio Ord		340 0
100 Port Canning		72 0
30 PREMIER CONSTRUCTION		106 0
15 Scindia		15 14
25 Tata Oil		40 0
24 Tata Chemical		13 8
100 Wimco		201 0
PREFERENCE		
7 p.c Andhra Valley		1502 0
5 p.c Bom. Steam		317 8
7 p.c. Bom. Tram. (T.F.) X.D.		72 0
5 p.c. Central India (T.F.)		670 0
6 1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 1st X.D.		115 8
6 1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 2nd X.D.		48 0
7 p.c. Tata Hydro		145 8
7 1/2 p.c. Tata Power		1535 0
6 p.c. Tata Steel 1st		180 0
7 1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd		108 8
7 p.c Vishnu		718 0
DEBENTURES		
4 p.c. Audhra Valley Deb.		100 4
4 p.c Bom Telephone		48 0
5 p.c. Morarji		103 0
5 p.c. Sholapur		71 8
4 p.c Tata Power Deb.		105 8

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, April 17.

The market was uninspiring and price movements were narrow. Tata Deferreds were quoted finally at 1085. Tata Ordinaries were steady around 209. Bombay Dyeings were easier at 980. Indian Irons stood at 21-2 :—

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day :—

Tata Deferreds (1095), 1090, 1085.

Tata Ordinaries (210), 209, 208

Tata Ordinary	208
Tata Deferred	1085
Indian Iron	21-2
Steel Corpn of Bengal	12-14
Bombay Dyeing	980
Central India	311-4
Century	337-8
Gokak	234-6
Kohinoor	395
Simplex	140
Andhra Valley X.D.	1440
Tata Hydro	146-14
Tata Power	1315
Associated Cement	154-8
Belapur	215
Bombay Burma (old)	182-8

WALL-STREET MARKET

New York, April 13.

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report :—

Electric Bond and Share dol 5 Pfd. dol	42
Electric Light and Power Pfd.	20
American Telephone and Telegraph	115 1/8
Western Union Telegraph	24
New York Central R.R.	7 1/2
New York Central and Hudson River R.R. 5 per cent 2013	50
Union Pacific	72 1/2
N.Y. Chicago and St. Louis 6 p.c. Pfd.	43
U. S. Steel	48 7/8
Crucible Steel	29 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	57 1/2
Texas Corporation	33 5/8
Anaconda Copper Mining	25 1/4
Int Nickel of Canada	25 5/8
Chrysler Motors	53 3/4
General Motors	33 7/8
Eaton Manufacturing	28
Sears Roebuck	48
du Pont de Nemours	111
Socony	7 1/4
National City Bank of N.Y.	20 3/4
Australia 5 p.c. 1955	53 1/2
U. S. Steel	47 1/2
New York Central	7 1/8
Int. Nickel	25
General Motors	33 3/4
National City Bank of N.Y.	21
American Tel and Tel	115

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 17.

Copper sheets lb 21 Rs. 120 28 114 35 113 42 112 49-56 111

Brass sheets Flag Brand lb 20-21 Rs. 102 24 98 28 98 35 90 42 88 49-56 80

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 75 Rosita Rs. 72 Country make Rs. 59 Pigiead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 28/8 per cwt.

Tin Ingot Pennang Rs 82 per qr.

Settlements Rates :—

Copper sheets : Ashad Rs. 111 practically no business.

ACTIVE PRICE-FIXING IN N. Y. COTTON

Scarcity Of Offerings

MOVE FOR REVISION OF PARITY PRICES

Bombay, April 17.

On Thursday the New York cotton market was very steady on active trade buying and Mill price fixing. Offerings were small and the market closed at about the highest level of the day.

NEW YORK MARKET.

Mill price-fixing and scattered buying prompted by renewed agitation in Washington for the revision of parity prices met liquidation and hedging but activity was restricted by continued uncertainties over anti-inflationary measures and expectations of increased hedging against Commodity Credit Corporation April allotments. Finally more active price-fixing appeared with scarcity of offerings. The session closed very steady.

July opened at a rise of 8 points at 19.59 but declined 3 points at 19.56 which was the lowest level. Thereafter there was active buying and July advanced to 19.68. The market closed at a net rise of 15 to 18 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 15 points at 21.20c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans Cotton futures market was also very steady on improved buying and closed at a rise of 14 to 19 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 12 points at 20.20c. per lb.

LOCAL SITUATION

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co., state :—

The Bombay Futures market has been extremely inactive during the week. In fact we have had the thinnest market since the War started. Bear Traders feel there is nothing to go for at present low prices but with the War having coming nearer to India there is still in evidence enough nervousness which prevents many people taking the constructive side of the market. This nervousness is more noticeable at the ports than in the interior where prices are above Bombay parity. Upcountry there is definitely a holding movement. It has recently been explained to the writer that at the present time a bale of cotton in many parts of the country can be bought for the price of a tola of gold. Of the two many people prefer cotton as an investment. We think they are right.

During the week there has been a moderate turnover in the Bombay spot market and there has been a further hardening of the basis of all good quality staple cotton. There also has been demand for foreign cotton and the price of Uganda cotton has again advanced. There has been another increase in marine War Risk rates and shrewd consumers have been quietly securing supplies of cheap Egyptian and Sudan cottons which have been available at well below importing cost. There has been a steady demand for all cheap Indian cotton and the prices of these are slowly creeping up to that of the neglected Broach. Once the supply of this cheaper cotton becomes exhausted, and with the present rate of offtake this will not take a long time, then the cheapness of Broach will attract attention and a better market tone should develop.

The Bombay Mill Industry has been handicapped lately as there has been a considerable exodus of labour owing to fears connected with the War but we have sufficient faith in the strength of the Allied Nations to protect this country, that we look upon this exodus as a temporary feature and before long labour will come back.

We are still of opinion that the Bombay market has seen the lowest prices for the season and that purchases of any variety of cotton in Bombay will before long result in a good profit.

PRIVATE CABLES.

N. Y. July highest (3 p.m.) ..... 19.68+17
N. Y. July lowest (10-25 a.m.) ..... 19.56+06

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co., Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their Foreign Friends :—

New York.—Active trade buying on talk of revision of parity prices. Market very steady.

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, April 16.

May	19.55+15
July	19.68+17
October	19.83+15
December	19.89+16
January	19.91+16
March	20.03+18
Middling spot	21.20+15

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.
New York, April 16

May	19.55+14
July	19.70+16
October	20.04+17
December	20.10+18
January	20.11+18
March	20.23+19
Middling spot	20.20

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, April 16

Noon Call.	
May	19.47
July	19.59
October	19.74

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below N. Y. May 1,379 cent pts. at 331

Broach J/A below N. Y. July 1,307 cent pts. at 331

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES
Bombay, April 16.

Broach A/M highest 153 lowest 148 1/4 closing at 4-30 p.m. 148 1/4

Broach J/A highest 173 lowest 170 1/4 closing at 4-30 p.m. 170 1/4

Oomra May highest 138 lowest 136 closing at 4-30 p.m. 136

Oomra July highest 149 1/2 lowest 147 closing at 4-30 p.m. 147

Bengal May highest 128 lowest 125 1/2 closing at 4-30 125 1/2

Bengal July highest 135 lowest 132 1/2 closing at 4-30 p.m. 132 1/2

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, April 17.

Following a rise of 17 points in New York cotton futures the local market was expected to open at Rs 171/8 for Broach J/A delivery but there being no demand the market opened at a new low level at Rs. 168/8 and declined to Rs. 167/8. Cotton position is strong but when buyers are nervous and have no inclination to buy prices keep on sagging. There is utter absence of confidence and members are inclined to close down business.

Later on there was considerable nervous and distress selling and prices collapsed to Rs. 141/8 for Broach A/M. and at Rs. 161/8 for Broach J/A delivery. The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under :—

BROACH A/M	Rs.	143 0 0
BROACH J/A		163 0 0
OOMRA May		130 0 0
OOMRA July		142 0 0
BENGAL May		122 0 0
BENGAL July		130 0 0

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay April 17.

	Old.	Ready.
Bengal Fine	113-16	125/28
Berar	116-19	136/39
C.P. 1	126-29	166/68
C.P. 2	120-22	144/45
Khandesh	92-98	119/22
Mughal	102-10	127/29
Broach	110-15	149/51
Broach Low	95-102	

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, April 17.

Wheat May	0 2 6
Linseed May	0 3 6
Gr. Nut May	1 2 0
Cast. seed May	1 12 0
Cott. seed May	0 12 0

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, April 17.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY OF INDIAN COTTON.

Since 1st September.

In full-pressed Bales.

	Yesterday	This year	Last year.
Khandesh ...		75,948	96,329
Central India ...		29,601	131,944
Barsi and Nagar ...		50,944	102,932
Hyderabad/Gaorani ...		13,211	37,516
Berar	256	175,192	343,696
Central Provinces ...		85,410	73,059
Total Oomras	256	430,306	785,476
Dholeras ...		30,639	69,538
N.-W. Provinces ..		1,021	1,262
Rajputana		392	5,211
Sind-Punjab	165	392,712	458,727
Broach	417	302,307	138,908
Coompta and Dharwar		8,726	53,567
Westerns-Northerns .		8,575	52,088
Cocoanada ...		...	239
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		10,177	1,868
	...	...	...
Arr. by road to 9th April 42	...	91,500	263,133

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, April 17.

M. G.—	Extra Spr.fine	Sup.	Fine	F.Good	Good
Bengal U.P.	...	129	126	123	120
Punjab	...	129	126	123	120
Rajputana	...	135	132	129	126
Oomra No. 3	140	137	134	131	...
C.P. No. 1	174	171	168	165	...
C.P. No. 2	153	150	147	144	...
Broach No. 2	..	152	149	146	143
Punjab-Ameri	...	227	224	221	218
Surat	...	297	294	291	288
Rajpipla	...	292	289	286	283
Navsari	...	302	299	296	293

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 17.

Yarn No. 6 1/2s. April 171 June 170
Yarn No. 10 1/2s. April 208 June 207
Yarn No. 20 1/2s. April 260 June 258
Yarn No. 40 April 420 June 415
Quotations for 6 1/2s 10 1/2s and 40s are nominal.

BANK OF ENGLAND WEEKLY RETURNS

London, April 16.

	This Week.
Total bullions	£ 654,000
Public deposits	8,800,000
(a) Other deposits	179,100,000
Government securities	162 300,.000
(b) Other securities	51,300,000
Notes, gold and silver coin	13,500,000
Notes is circulation	767,100,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	7.20 p.c.
(a) Other deposits include bankers	127,900,000
(b) Other securities include discounts and advances	7,500,000
Total deposits	187,900,000
Total securities	213,500,000

LONDON WHEAT.
London, April 16.

Rozario Santa fe	27/7 1/2
Barleta Russo	22/7 1/2
Australian Wheat	27/6

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, April 17.

2 3/4 per cent 1948-52 93
3 1/2 per cent G. P. Notes 88/2
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 94/0
3 per cent 1949/52 Loan 95/1
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 105/1
4 per cent 1945 Bonds 101/12
3 per cent War Bonds 97/15
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 97/10
4 1/2 per cent 1955 Loan 107/8

TAX FREE LOANS

6 per cent 1945/55 Loan 105/2
4 per cent 1955/63 Mysore 110
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 120 N

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T. 1947 98
4 per cent M Deb 1947 101/12
5 per cent M Deb 1959 108/8
5 per cent M Deb 1964 119
5 per cent K P T 1956 115
Tone :—Steady. Rates nominal.

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, April 17.

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8/8/0 Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London Spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d. New York Spot silver was unchanged at 35/8 cents. London Bombay spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 62-10-5. The local market was weak on heavy selling pressure. It appears that holdings are being thrown out as people are reducing their business. There was absence of buyers and the market was demoralised. Quotations were as under :—

	Gold	Silver.
Ready	Rs.44 8 0	76 0 0
Vaishakh	Rs. 45 0 0	73 0 0
Sovereigns	35 8 0	

LONDON SILVER.
London, April 16.

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD.
London, April 16.

Gold bars fine per oz	£8/8/0

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, April 17.

Groundnuts May—	
Opening	40 15 0
Highest	40 15 0
Lowest	40 7 0
Closing	40 10 0
Castorseeds May—	
Opening	42 6 0
Highest	42 6 0
Lowest	42 0 0
Closing	42 4 0
Cottonseeds May—	
Opening	23 13 6
Highest	23 13 6
Lowest	23 0 6
Closing	23 0 5
Cottonseed Sept.—	
Opening	
Highest	
Lowest	
Closing	

LINSEED AND WHEAT

Bombay, April 17

Linseed May	8 8 0
Wheat May	7 5 0

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, April 17.

Yellow Metal Sheet	Rs. 94 0 0
Copper Sheets	110 0 0

Tone :—Steady.

LONDON EXCHANGES.
London, April 16.

T. T. London on :—
London Exchanges unquoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.
London, April 16.

Rupee paper 3 1/2 p.c.	£64
Indian Stock 3 1/2 p.c. 1931 or later	£101 7/32
Consols 2 1/2 p.c.	£63 3/8
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 p.c. 1961	£106 11/16
War Loan 3 1/2 p.c.	£106 3/8
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960/90	£114 3/8
Victory Bonds 4 p.c.	£113 3/4
Chartered Bank of I.A. and China	£5 5/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg.)	£48 1/2
National Bank of India	£22

Civil Defence Corps For Bengal

CALCUTTA, April 16

The question of organising a civil defence corps all over the province for the maintenance of internal peace and security and for carrying on work that would be necessary in connection with the present emergency was discussed in detail at a meeting of the Working Committee of the Bengal Provincial Hindu Mahasabha held this evening under the presidentship of Mr. N

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Latest Commercial

JULY
New York, April 17

Previous closing 19.68
To-day's opening 19.80
Difference ..... —19
To-day's closing ..... not received

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, April 17

Following are the New York opening ranges:—
May (19.48/48) 19.37/33
July (19.59/59) 19.53/48
October (19.77/76) 19.70/69

LONDON COMMODITIES.
London, April 17

SEEDS

Castorseeds April/May (£20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta April/May (£20 nominal) £20 sellers
Linseed La Plata April/May (£20 1/8 quoted) £20 1/8 quoted
Groundnut Coromandal Coast April/May (East Coast India shipment not quoted. £20 West Coast India shipment) £20 sellers

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES.
T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, April 17

Previous closing 4.03 3/4
To-day's opening 4.03 3/4

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, April 17

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON BULLION.
London, April 17

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER
London, April 17

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d.
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-6 31/32 buyers) 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, April 17

The Stock Exchange was quiet but steady.

3% PER CENT STERLING LOAN
London, April 17

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 7/32

AUSTRALIAN LOAN
London, April 17

5 per cent 1958/68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £83 3/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 3/4
2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 31/32
4 per cent Funding Loan £114 3/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £106 3/8
3 per cent War Loan £100 1/4
4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 3/4

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 16-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 35-0
Electric Music Industry 13-9
Princhin Johnson 20-4 1/2
Imperial Chemical 33-6
Woolsworth Ordinary 51-0
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £76 1/2
Dundee 25-7 1/2
Unilever Ordinary 26-6
Ford Motors 24-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £51 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordinary £3 19/32
Carreas 'A' £5 1/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 1/4
P and O Defd 27-10 1/2
Distillers 74-9
Bredfords Dyes 7-1 1/2
British Celanese 6-4 1/2
J and P Coates 34-9
Courtaulds Ordinary 33-9
Fine Cotton Spinners 7-1 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-4 1/2
Inter Nickel doi 40 3/8
Indian Iron 39-6

TEA SHARES

Assam 10-3
Donaro Tea 18-9
Empire of India 11-3

JUTE

Barnagore £5 nominal

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 8-6
Gula Kelampong 8-1 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust 11-9

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 14-4 1/2
Burma Corporation 3-0
Rio Tintos £7 3/4
East Rand Properties £1 13/16
Rand Mines £6 1/8

MINE SHARES

Crown £8 1/2
Associated Portland Cement 45-0
Trinidad Leasehold 66-10 1/2
Sub-Nigel £5 3/4
Spring Mines Split Share £0 15/16
Union Corporation 125-0

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 36-3
Anglo-India 36-3
Burma Oil £1 3/8
Mexican Eagle 13-1 1/2
Shell Transport £1 29/32
Royal Dutch £14

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £41 1/4
London Midland Ordinary £18
London North Eastern Defd £1 5/8
London Southern Defd £15
London Transport 5 per cent £130 1/2
London Transport "C" £40

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
New York, April 17

The New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—
General Motors (dol 33 3/4) dol 33 3/4
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 24 3/4) unquoted
United States Steel Commons (dol 47 1/2) dol 47 5/8
United States Steel Preference (unquoted) dol 113 5/8

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DROP IN GOLD AND SILVER

Weekly Market Reviews

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Bombay, April 17.

MONEY.

Slightly steadier conditions continued to prevail in the local short-term money market during the week under review. Call money was quoted between 1/2 and 3/4 per cent, three months' at 1-1/4 per cent and six months' at 1-1/2 per cent. The discount rate on three months' Government of India Treasury Bills went up fractionally from Rs. 1-3-7 to Rs. 1-4-0 per cent. per annum. Intermediate Treasury Bills sold during the week amounted to Rs. 39.50 lacs.

The weekly statement of the Reserve Bank of India, compiled upto 10th April 1942, registers yet another increase of Rs. 7.64 crores in the active note circulation in India which amounts to Rs. 396 crores as compared to Rs. 172 crores before the outbreak of the present war (i.e. as on 1-9-39). The total note issue shows an expansion of Rs 8.61 crores. On the assets' side, whilst there is no change in gold coin and bullion and sterling securities, the Bank's holding of rupee coin has gone up by Rs. 3.62 crores and rupee securities by Rs. 4.98 crores. The ratio of gold coin and bullion plus sterling securities to total liabilities has declined by 1.257 to 65.149 per cent. In the Banking Department, Government Deposits show a decline of Rs. 88.45 lacs, while Bankers' Deposits have gone up by Rs 24.92 lacs. Balances held abroad have declined by Rs. 3.06 crores, whereas Government borrowed afresh Rs. 5.85 crores against Ways and Means.

EXCHANGE

There was no change in the rupee-sterling exchange market during the week and the undertone remained steady Sellers of spot T. T. on London quoted 1s. 5-63/64d. and buyers 1s. 6d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:—

Sellers of T. T on London (spot and upto six months), 1s. 5-31/32d.

Buyers of T. T. on London (spot and upto six months), 1s. 6-1/32d.

In the free New York market, the quotation for pound sterling remained unchanged at 403.75 cents throughout.

GOLD.

A definitely easier tendency prevailed in the gold market during the week and prices declined by over two rupees. Opening at Rs. 49, ready gold went up to Rs. 50-6 on Monday, but thereafter steadily came down Rs. 47-4 on a perceptible falling-off in the demand for ready gold. At the close the quotation stood at Rs. 45. May settlement gold was quoted even with spot till Monday, but thereafter commanded a premium varying beween 2 and 4 annas. Demand for sovereigns was less prominent and the price of the coin declined from Rs. 38 to Rs. 37 at the close. Official quarters are reported to have sold small lots of gold coins at the premium prevailing in the market. Floating stocks of gold are estimated to be about 250,000 tolas; arrivals from upcountry are said to have averaged about 10,000 tolas; whilst the average daily offtake is put at 5,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 50-6 and Rs. 47-4 for spot and Rs. 50-6 and Rs 47-6 for May settlement.

SILVER

Conditions similar to those prevailing in the gold market characterised the silver market during the period under report. Opening at Rs. 82-2-0, spot silver moved up to Rs. 84-13 on Monday, but thereafter declined by stages to Rs. 76-0-0 at the close. Business was extremely restricted and even small transactions brought about sudden changes in the rates. May settlement silver was quoted at a discount of Rs. 345 to Rs. 4 under spot. Ready silver of .916 fineness was quoted at a discount of Rs. 2/8 under the settlement. Floating stocks of the metal are estimated to be about 5,500 bars. In London the quotation both for cash and forward silver remained stationary around 23-1/2d. throughout. The highest and lowest rates recorded during the week were: Rs. 84-13 and Rs. 79-15 for spot and Rs. 81-1-0 and Rs. 76-11-0 for May settlement.

GILT-EDGED.

The local gilt-edged market ruled steady with little or no price variations. The volume of turnover during the week was meagre. Short-dated bonds, however, were inclined to be a bit quieter; 3 per cent. 1946 bonds moved down from Rs. 98 to Rs. 87-13, 3-1/2 per cent. 1947-50 loan dropped from Rs. 98 to Rs. 97-10 and 4 per cent. 1943 bonds were inclined to be offered at Rs 101-13. 3-1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper also ruled somewhat quieter at Rs. 88 at the close. Among other dated bonds, 2-3/4 per cent 1948-52 loan remained static at Rs. 93, 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan at Rs. 94-1 and 3 per cent. 1963-65 loan at Rs. 88-9. 4 per cent. 1960-70 loan ruled steady at Rs. 103-2 and 4-1/2 per cent. 1955-60 loan at Rs. 107-8, whilst stray transactions were reported in 5 per cent 1945-55 (tax free) loan at round Rs. 105-2.

SHARES.

The stock market was uninteresting during the period under report with operators inclined to hold aloof. In fact, the presence of the operators on the floor gave an impression of a neglected market with turnover negligible. There was little variation in quotations and in most cases these were only nominal, no transaction having taken place.

Bombay Dyeings were quoted around Rs. 1,000; Centuries had sellers at Rs. 335 and Central India were inclined to be offered at Rs. 308. Kohinoors were quoted about 17 points lower at Rs. 399 and Swadeshis ruled weak at Rs. 375. In the steel section also there was very little to report; Tata Deferreds ranged narrowly between Rs. 1230 and Rs. 1260, whilst Ordinaries fluctuated between Rs. 230 and Rs. 225. In the Hydro-electric section, prices showed a drooping trend in sympathy with the rest of the market Andhra Valleys dropped down to Rs. 1445 ex dividend and Tata Powers to Rs. 1316. In the absence of any business, whilst Bombay Trams and Tata Hydros were both neglected at Rs. 122 and Rs. 147 respectively. Bank and Insurance shares also suffered the same fate; Bank of Indias stood neglected at Rs 130 and Reserve Banks at Rs. 92 whilst Central Banks dropped by about 4 points to Rs. 36. Imperial Bank Fully paids sagged from Rs 1405 to Rs 1371-4 and Partly Paids, after an initial fall of about 9 points to Rs. 3-6-4, ruled steady around this level. In the miscellaneous section, Associated Cements were somewhat steady at Rs. 155 and Belapurs around Rs. 215, whilst Bombay Burmahs, after being quoted about 18 point lower at Rs. 182-8 at the start, were maintained around this level during the rest of the week. Scindia Steams and New Indias were quoting Rs. 16-14 and Rs. 39-8 respectively

CALCUTTA

There was little or no inquiry in the jute section of the Calcutta share market and prices were unchanged in all cases. The turnover during the week was meagre

CALCUTTA SHARE MARKET

CALCUTTA, April 17

The market continued dull and uninteresting and only a limited business was put through during the day.

Government securities: 3 1/2 per cent G. P. 97/13; 5 per cent loan 1945/55 104/13; 5 per cent U. P. Bonds 1944 103.

Reserve Bank 92; Muir Mills ord 312.

Jute: Clive 6 per cent pref 95.

Miscellaneous: Indian Copper 1/11; Indian Iron and Steel 22/1; Steel Corpn ord 13/8; Sree Gopal Paper 15; Buland 25; Champaran 19/8.

RAILWAYMEN TO STICK TO THEIR POSTS

NEW DELHI, April 17.

It is understood that the All-India Railwaymen's Federation at its meeting adopted the following resolution:—

"Having considered the situation which confronts the country to-day and the invasion threat to India, the All-India Railwaymen's Federation undertakes to call upon workers of the Railways to stick to their posts at all costs and do their very best to enable the Railways to run as closely to normal as possible in the circumstances."

Mr. Sibnath Banerji, President of the E. I. Railwaymen's Union, who came here to attend the special meeting of the Railwaymen's Federation with the Railway Board to consider the responsibilities of the workers during war time, in a statement urges an "immediate and sympathetic handling of the problems which confront the workers arising out of war conditions."

Mr. Banerji suggests that if any worker loses his job as a result of the conditions arising out of the war, he should continue to be paid till he gets another job. "This will enhance the workers' loyalty," he adds.—United Press.

KAJJAN AND PARTY TO SEE GUJARATI DRAMA

The local Gujarati stage will be honoured this week-end by the visit of two distinguished guests. Kajjan, the well-known cinema star, better known as "the Nightingale of Calcutta", who made a name for herself in the films "Laila Majnu" and "Shirin-Farhad", is to visit the Baliwala Grand Theatre with her party tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon, when the New Baliwala Dramatics are re-staging their popular play "Pakzad Perin". Mr. V. M. Vyas, the well-known film scenario writer will also visit the theatre to see it. Mr. Dorabji Kharas, the proprietor of the Company is arranging for an all-star cast for the very successful staging of the drama, including among others, Miss Moonibai (who will be playing the role of heroine Perin), Champaklal, Kabuli, Chandrakoomar, Khoorshid, Noorjehan, and Master Nariman. Mr. Dorabji who is striving his best to keep the memory of the late Mr. Baliwala evergreen deserves popular support.

Frontier Mail Robberies

NEW DELHI, April 16.

About 40 per cent. of the total highway mail robberies in India took place in the North-West Frontier Province during the year ending 1940-41, says the annual report of the Posts and Telegraphs Department.

There were 31 cases of highway robberies, the report says, of which 12 occurred in the Frontier Province, 13 in the United Provinces and the rest in the other provinces.

Referring to the number of casualties in this regard the report says that 23 officials of the Department all over the country were assaulted of whom one, a mail peon, was killed and another, a mail runner, died subsequently of serious injuries received.—United Press.

Bombay War Gifts Fund

Amount previously acknowledged: Rs. 88,63,796-8-11.

For Indian Red Cross & Amenities for Troops: Rs. 500 Mr. Jan Mahomed (through the Bombay Suburban Defence Loans Committee). Rs. 465-9 the staff of Messrs Burmah-Shell Oil Storage and Distributing Company of India, Ltd. (monthly) Rs. 150 Mr. A. B. Kapoor (through the Bombay Suburban Defence Loans Committee).

For the R.A.F.: Rs. 646-8 Partners, Assistants & Staff of Messrs. Killick, Nixon and Co. (monthly). Rs. 518-14 the staff of the Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd. (monthly) Rs. 500 Mr. Jan Mahomed (through the Bombay Suburban Defence Loans Committee). Rs. 465 the staff of Messrs. Burmah-Shell Oil Storage and Distributing Company of India, Ltd. (monthly). Rs. 150 Mr. A. B. Kapoor (through the Bombay Suburban Defence Loans Committee). Rs. 127-9 Messrs. Killick Nixon and Co., being the amount of special donation.

Grand total (on Friday, including sums less than Rs. 100): Rs. 88,67,715-7-11.

JUBBULPORE GIVES LEAD

Hindu-Muslim Unity In Condemnation Of Cripps' Proposals

JUBBULPORE, April 17.

For the first time in the history of Jubbulpore the office-bearers of the Congress and the Muslim League came on a common platform to celebrate the 'National Week' and denounce the Cripps' proposals.

Addressing a public meeting at the local Tilak Bhumi under the auspices of the Jubbulpore City Congress Committee, Pandit Kunjilal Dube, the chief organiser of the Mahakoshal People's Volunteer Brigade, exhorted the audience to strengthen the organisation by joining in large numbers and render valuable service to the public in time of emergency.

Mr. Saiyid Abdul Hadi, an office-bearer of the Provincial Muslim League, in the course of a spirited speech observed: "We shall have to pay dearly with our lives in our attempt to liberate the country from the bondage of slavery and the people should make themselves ready to make any sacrifice however big it may be for the sake of their motherland".

Speaking of the Cripps' mission Mr. Hadi remarked that it was bound to fail as the proposals were ambiguous and meaningless. He referred to the pledges which were given to the Indians by the British Government in the past, but were not implemented yet, which he added, caused distrust to be too strong to come to a settlement, Indians, he said, were prepared to co-operate with the Government in the present war only on the terms of equality and as free men and not in the capacity of slaves to their rulers.

Pandit Dr. P. Mishra, former Congress Minister, reiterated the views expressed by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and advised the public to have faith in the soundness of the judgment of their leaders and follow their advice faithfully.

Seth Govind Das, M.L.A., (Central), exhorted the public to carry out the constructive programme laid down by the Congress.—United Press.

'PAN' AND 'BIDI' SHOPS GET EXEMPTION

KARACHI, April 17.

The Sind Government have exempted the 'pan' and 'bidi' shops from the operation of the Sind Shops and Establishments Act on the ground that these shops are run by owners themselves and no servants are employed.—United Press.

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Hightide: 1-14, 13-57. Lowtide: 7-13, 19-38.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

LAMINGTON—"Malan" 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
NEW WESTEND—"Doctor" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
METRO—"Tarzan's Secret Treasure" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Spring Meeting" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
REGAL—"Wild Geese Calling" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Apna Ghar" 3, 6 and 9 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 12 noon.
AURORA—"The Big Store" 3-30 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Shadi" 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p. m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
EDWARD—"Geeta" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"Mata Hari" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 5-45 and 9 p.m Matinee on Sunday at 11 a.m.
SUPER—"Kis-Ki-Bibi" 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-30, 5-45 and 8-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 11-15 a.m.
CAPITOL—"Caught in the Draft" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Society" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p. m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Nirdosh" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Pahila Palna" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1
MINERVA—"Kirti" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
ROYAL OPERA—"Khilauna" 3-30 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee on Sunday at 12-45 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Bandhan" 4-15, 7 and 10 p. m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30.
KOHINOOR—"Naya Sansar" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Pyas" 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

SUTARIA—Kavasji Manekji Sutaria, retired Manager, Swadeshi Mills, Kurla, father of Phiroz and Mrs. Banu Ardeshir Sutaria, expired Friday, the 17th April. Funeral takes place to-day at 8 a.m. (S.T.) at Doongerwadi.

MUSIC AT SIR P. M. GARDEN: A concert of Indian music organised by the Bombay Municipality will be given at Sir P. M. Garden (Malabar Hill), Bombay, today (Saturday) commencing from 5 to 7 p.m. (S.T.) by Sangeet Ratna Tan Tulvar Ebrahim Dattoobhoy.

BAND AT VICTORIA GARDENS: By kind permission of H. E. Butler, Esq., O.B.E., Commissioner of Police, Bombay, the Band of the Bombay City Police will play a programme of music at the Victoria Gardens Byculla, Bombay, to-day (Saturday) from 6 to 8 p.m. (S.T.)

BOMBAY TENANTS' ASSOCIATION: The 'A' Ward Board's members of the Association will take a round to-day (Saturday) between 4 and 6 p.m. in 'A' Ward to remove the tenants' grievances of the 'A' Ward. The tenants in 'A' Ward are requested to file their grievances to Mr. Y. L. Bhandarkar, 33-34, Cama Building, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay.

3RD DIVISION HARWOOD LEAGUE: The 3rd Division of Harwood League commences to-day on the St. Xavier's Ground, Parel, with the following fixtures:—4-30: Bombay Muslims 'C' v. St. Francis Goans Sports Club; 5-40 Khatau Sports Club v. Black Spiders Sports Club.

SRI RAMAKRISHNA ASHRAM: Swami Gouriswarananda will conduct his class on "The Last Message of Sri Krishna and Uddhava (Bhagwatam)", to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. at 64, Portuguese Church Street, Dadar. (B.B. and C. I. Railway.).

A.R.P. LECTURES AT WORLI: The Third Warden Instructors' Class will start at Podar College, Worli at 4 p.m. to-day (Saturday).

A.R.P. EXHIBITION AT ST. TERESA'S HIGH SCHOOL, GIRGAUM: The authorities of St. Teresa's High School, Girgaum, have decided to hold A.R.P. Exhibition under the auspices and direction of the Safety First Association of India. An attractive and novel item will be the first-aid demonstration display with a running commentary by Mr. A. S. Trollip.

The exhibition will be opened to-day at 4 p.m. followed by entertainment. 5 to 7 p. m. Exhibition.

To-morrow (Sunday) at 3-30 p.m. entertainment. 4 to 6 p.m. Exhibition.

Monday, April 20: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Exhibition (For Schools only). 3-30 p.m. Entertainment. 4 to 7 p.m. Exhibition.

WAR & HUMAN PROGRESS: That "War Is Essential For Human Progress" will be the subject of a public debate in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, to-day (Saturday) at 6-15 p.m. Mrs. Tara Ali Baig will preside. Mr. Mohan Nadkarni will propose and Mr. M. D. Japheth will oppose.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS: The Jt. Hon. Secretary writes:—All the members and the recruits are required to be present in mufti at the Congress House to-morrow (Sunday) at 7 a.m. to attend parade. The monthly Managing Committee meeting will not be held this Sunday owing to the P. V. B. Circle Officers meeting.

HEALTH OF BOMBAY: The health returns of Bombay during the week ended 11th April, 1942, were as under:—The total mortality 477 was 3 less than that of the last week and the death-rate registered was 16.6 on the Census population of 1941 which compares favourably with that for the 15th week of 1941 viz. 742 the mortality and 33.2 the death-rate. The average mortality for the corresponding weeks during the preceding quinquennium was 543 and the death-rate 27.2.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS' CONFERENCE: A conference of the members of the Public Relations Committee of the Bombay Municipal Congress Party and the Municipal Councillors from Ward No. 19 will be held to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. (S. T.) at the Sarojini Cottage Congress House Compound, Vithalbhai Patel Road, to discuss matters pertaining to Municipal amenities in the said Ward and the need of supplementing them.

SREE SANKARA JAYANTI UTSAV: A lecture will be given by His Holiness Sree Sankaracharya of Puri on "Hinduism, positive, practical and constructive" to-day (Saturday) and to-morrow (Sunday) at 5 p.m. at Asthika Samaj Hall.

HARWOOD LEAGUE (2ND. DIV.): The entries for the 2nd Division of the Harwood League close on Saturday 25th, the Clubs which have not yet sent in their entries are requested to do so before this date. The entries should be addressed to Mr. Jos. Gonsalves, Hon. Secretary, Cordeiro House, Parel.

Scorched-Earth Policy Not Suited To India

B. P. C. C. Supports Gandhiji's Views: Lele's Resolution Passed Unanimously

A resolution declaring "that the scorched-earth policy is not suited to India" was unanimously passed, at a meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, at the Congress House, on Friday. Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai presided.

Mr. P. R. Lele moved the following resolution:

"The Bombay Provincial Congress Committee declares that the scorched-earth policy is not suited to India and supports the views expressed by Mahatma Gandhi in his signed article in the "Harijan" dated March 22, 1942."

In moving the resolution, Mr. Lele stated that he was not referring to the destruction of the military material. It was, however, objectionable that crops, standing or harvested, ordinary goods of consumption or factories should be destroyed. He referred to the various statements made in this connection by several leaders; but he thought that they were opposed to the fundamental principle. If there was a national Government in this country, it would have followed a policy in one particular way, making a distinction between what was to be destroyed and what not to be. From the common man's point of view, if articles of food were burnt, there would be a famine. And this point of view was distinct from that of the merchants whose fears might be allayed, if they were to be assured that their goods would be covered by insurance.

WORKING COMMITTEE MUST TAKE IT UP

His main idea in moving the resolution was that the Working Committee should take up this question at its next meeting and should lay down a deliberate, considered policy.

Mr. Manibhai J. Seth seconded the resolution.

Mr. Purushottam Tricumdas supported it on the ground that Congress had decided to remain neutral, since the beginning of the war. He referred to the inquiries made by the Vigilance Committee of the P. V. B. in this connection.

Mr. S. K. Patil stated that arguments advanced in this connection might be different but that did not militate against the essential principle underlying the scorched-earth policy. He stated that there was no disinclination to sponsor an official resolution in this connection but Mr. Lele had acted promptly.

Messrs. I. S. Patel and B. N. Maheswari also spoke.

Earlier, applications for Municipal by-election in Fort, Northern Esplanade (Ward No. 2) constituency in the place of Mr. Mathuradas Tricumji who had resigned, were invited. It was decided that the application should reach the office before May 5.

Mr. Ratilal Gandhi's name was recommended for selection for the by-election in Bhuleswar-Market (Ward No. 6) constituency, in the place of Mr. Umadutt Nemani, resigned.

VACANCY ON A. I. C. C.

Mr. Bhawanji Arjun Khimji having resigned from the A.I.C.C., nominations were invited for the vacancy. It was decided that the nominations should reach the B. P. C. C. office before Monday, April 20. The election will take place the next day.

At the end of the meeting, the Secretary of the B. P. C. C. gave a brief outline of the preparations made on behalf of the Committee, to receive the three Parsi globe-trotters who will reach Bombay on Sunday.

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PUBLIC MEETING AT MADANPURA

A public meeting will be held to-morrow (Sunday), at 9 a.m. (S.T.), at Husseini Baug, Madanpura, when Jenab M. Y. Nurie will preside and Sjt. Asoka Mehta will speak on the P.V.B. activities.

RESCUE COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Rescue Committee of the P.V.B. will be held to-day (Saturday) at 5 p.m. (S.T.), at the Headquarters of the P.V.B. Congress House.

P.V.B. SELF-PROTECTION EXHIBITION

Place: Parel Tiga School, Hospital Avenue, Parel.

Time: 5 to 8 p.m. (S.T.).

Fire-fighting Demonstration at 6-30 p.m.

No admission fee for the Exhibition as well as for the demonstration.

PETROL RATION: A Press Note issued by the Western India Automobile Association states that the W.I.A.A. have completed the arrangements for obtaining for members petrol coupons for the forthcoming quarter commencing from 1st May 1942. Members are requested to fill in and submit "R" forms with the Registration Certificates to the W.I.A.A. as early as possible. The application forms and certificates will be accepted by the Association for necessary action from now on but "K" Forms for supplementary ration are to be sent after the 1st proximo only.

SOCIAL WORKERS' SOCIETY: The annual general meeting and the Social of the Social Workers Society was held at the Bana'i Hall on saturday, when the Hon. Mr. Justice M. A. Somjee presided. The following office-bearers were elected:—President: Hon. Mr. Justice; Vice-presidents: Miss K. Khandwala and Mr. Camrudding G. Vakil; Jt. Hon. Secretaries: Miss P. N. After the meeting the social was held.

A. R. P. THROUGH FILMS

With the co-operation of Bombay cinemas, an intensive A. R. P. educational campaign by means of films is to begin this week.

A series of very short pictures, entitled "A. R. P. and You," has been made and will be shown in the city's theatres. They deal in a simple and straightforward manner with the lessons taught by the A. R.P. Organisation and are designed to help the public to protect themselves.

The films have been made by Educational Flims of India under official supervision. There are Hindustani and English versions.

PATHARE PRABHU SOCIAL SAMAJ: To-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) in the N. D. Pradhu Seminary Hall, Bhai Jivanji Lane, Thakurdwar, Mr. Tayyab Shaikh will speak on "Defence of India". Mr. M. N. Talpade will preside.

ADDRESS TO DR. R. K. SHIRODKAR: A ceremony of presenting an address and offering a purse to Dr. R. K. Shirodkar, for his social work will be held at the premises of the Parel High School (Hospital Avenue) Parel, to-day (Sunday) at 5 p.m. (S.T.). The Hon. Mr. M. M. Pakwasa will preside.

HINDUSTAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION,. (B.P.): Mr. G. G. Bhosekar will conduct an intensive course in the Emergency Service for the benefit of the Scouts and Scouters who wish to offer their services to either the P.V.B. or A.R.P. organisations, to-morrow (Sunday). The first course will be held at 8 a.m. (S.T.) in the Fellowship School, Gowalia Tank, and the second with demonstrations at the Robert Money School, Girgaum at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.) the same day.

To meet the 'Emergency Service Volunteers' Prof. Rao, will be 'At tea' at the Fellowship School, at 9-30 a.m.

ON THE AIR

SATURDAY, APRIL 18.

Delhi, I—Programme.

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian troops. 5 Sham ke rag. 5-15 Sultana Begam. 5-30 Mehboob Jan. 6-10 Counter-attack. 6-25 Kafi Aur Ghazal. 6-35 Mohammad Ismail. 6-50 Afzal Husain. 7 Preet ke geet. 7-15 Raftar-e-Zamana. 7-30 War inquiry. 7-45 For villagers only. 8-30 Afzal Husain. 8-45 Mehboob Jan. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 The Chinese Scene. 3. 10 Nadia ke us par. 10-15 Sultana Begam. 10-30 Mehboob Jan.

Bombay 1 & 2—Programmes

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Delhi 2. 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 to 8-50 As in Delhi 2. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 to 9-20 As in Delhi 2. 9-20 A.R.P. Talk.

12 noon to 12-57 p.m. As in Delhi 2. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 to 1-30 As in Delhi 2. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 2.

From 7-30 Bombay 2 will operate on 51.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 p.m. To-morrow. 5-5 Variety. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Instrumental music. 6 News in English. 6-10 Counter-attack. 6-15 News in Hindustani. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Local news and announcements. 6-35 Children's half hour. 7-5 Indian music. 7-15 to 7-30 As in Delhi 2. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Delhi 2. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 As in Delhi 2. 8-45 As in Delhi 2.9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 to 9-55 As in Delhi 2. 9-55 Listening post. 10 to 10-45 As in Delhi 2.

ALL-INDIA RADIO TO BROADCAST IN MALAY

New Delhi April 17

It is announced that Broadcast in Malay —the twenty-first language in which All-India Radio is now broadcasting—began on Thursday, April 16 as a daily feature of the A. I. R.'s external services for the Far East. This new programme is radiated between 4-30 and 4-45 p.m. (I.S.T.) on 19.62 and 31.3 metres from the Delhi Station of All-India Radio.

Altogether All-India Radio is now running twelve external services.—A.P.

A.I.C.C. Vacancy From Bombay City

The General Secretaries of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee write:

A vacancy having been caused on the A.I.C.C. from Bombay City by the resignation of Sjt. Bhawanji A. Khimji of his membership, nominations duly proposed and seconded are invited by the B.P.C.C. for the same, so as to reach the office of the B.P.C.C. Congress House, Bombay No. 41 not later than 6 p.m. (S. T.) on Monday, April 20. In case of a contest, the election shall take place on Tuesday, April 21, at a meeting of the delegates to the Indian National Congress from Bombay City at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House. Nomination forms are available at the Congress House.

DAILY TEMPERATURE CHART.

POONA, April 17.

The following are the maximum and minimum temperature upto 8 a.m. on 17th April, 1942:—

Calcutta 96, 80; Cuttack 99, 85; Ranchi 99, 74; Patna 104, 75; Delhi 95, 67; Lahore 85, 61; Srinagar 52, 43; Peshawar 78, 55; Karachi 86, 77; Nagpur 107, 80; Kodaikanal 68, 53; Bombay 91, 79; Poona 101, 70; Hyderabad (Dn.) 193, 79; Bangalore 96, 71; Madras 91, 78; Shillong 78, 58; Mussorie 58, 40; Simla 55, 40; Pachmarhi 79, 67; Mahableshwar 93, 76; Ootacamund 76, 47.—A. P.

BOMBAY GOVERNOR TO BROADCAST TO-MORROW.

His Excellency the Governor of Bombay will broadcast from the Bombay station of All-India Radio at 6-30 p.m. on Sunday, April 19.

GUN PRACTICE IN CITY HARBOUR

Gun practice from Bombay naval harbour defences will be carried out on Saturday morning (April 18) between 10 and 11 a.m.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS: The Governor of Bombay received Ambulances presented by the Thana District War Fund Committee at Government House on Friday.

FATAL ASSAULT

That death was due to a wound in the chest which was inflicted by one Jeeva Teja by means of a knife, was the verdict recorded by the Jury at the City Coroner's Court, when the inquest was resumed on the body of Huribai Ali Mohamad.

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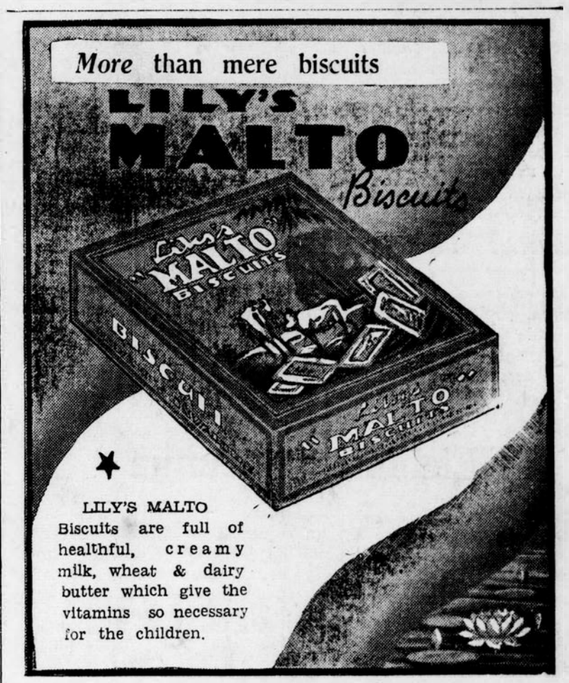

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Hindu Deen Daya Sangh

In the general meeting of the Hindu Deen Daya Sangh held at the Servants' of India Society's Home, Girgaum, Bombay, on 12th April, 1942 the 16th and 17th annual reports of the Sangh together with the audited statements of accounts were unanimously passed. Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai was re-elected president. Messrs. B. D. Jokhakar and Co. were re-appointed Honorary Auditors. The following members were elected as members of the Managing Committee:—Mrs. Jaishriben Raiji, Mrs. Madhuriben Desai, Rao Saheb Kantilal Ishwarlal, Dr. A. P. Naik, Messrs. Pranlal Devkaran, Bhavanji Arjun Khimji, Vallabhdas Vasanji, L. G. Vinze, Jamnadas Meghji Vallabhdas, Nanubhai V. Desai, Ratansi Pragji, Madhavlal H. Shah, Ratilal M. Gandhi, Dwarkadas Jamnadas and L. R. Kulkarni.

Thief's Novel 'Modus Operandi'

A doctor living at Chinch Bunder Road was recently victimised by a thief in the following manner. During the doctor's absence the culprit called at his flat and asked if the doctor was in. On being answered in the negative he said he would wait in the drawing room and was given a newspaper to read while waiting. After waiting alone in the room for about ten minutes he went away and it was later discovered that he had taken the Doctor's spectacles with him.

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ONLY WAY TO VICTORY

Since the break-down of the Cripps' mission Congress leaders have been striving to impress upon all concerned the two points that, settlement or no settlement, the people must resist the invader and that such resistance, however well-meant, is not likely to be effective enough in the absence of at least a war-time settlement. But Government propagandists seem to have ignored the second point altogether and to have made capital of the former so as to give a wrong impression to the ill-informed people about the attitude of the Congress. Such misrepresentation is harmful both to Britain and India as it breeds complacence among the British and is likely to prevent further attempts at a settlement. They are likely to say that, since India is in her own interest determined to resist the invader and even the Congress has given this lead, it may be inexpedient again to re-start constitutional controversy. This line of thinking betrays once again that lamentable lack of imagination and of knowledge of mass psychology for which Britain is notorious and which has cost her dear in the past.

Lesson Of Burma

That Congress leaders should be daily preaching anti-Japanese resistance is something for which both Government and the people should be grateful. But what can mere preaching even by Congress leaders avail against the depressing influence of subjection for generations past? The people will doubtless make effort to avert a worse kind of subjection. But such an effort, inspired by fear, cannot possibly be half as effective as it would be if inspired by the consciousness of freedom won at long last which they cannot retain without fighting for all they are worth. The absence of such consciousness has led to lamentable results in Burma though there is a nominal popular ministry there and no communal problem. Is it not wise to lay to heart the lesson of Burma and profit by it betimes, to realise that, in the words of Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, "a people and a Government with no mutual confidence and unrelated to one another cannot face invasion"?

Effective Plan

Indeed, the worst feature of the present position is that the authorities who have much power in their hands are unable to make the best use of it. Even when popular leaders give them sound advice they shrink from boldly accepting it. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru suggested the other day the formation of a local defence association which would be joined by all irrespective of their being Hindus or Muslims, officials or non-officials. Such local associations are hard to be formed in the absence of a true National Government, but the authorities concerned have not made even an attempt of the kind suggested. Mr. C. Rajagopalachari has suggested a bolder and more effective plan in the following words: "There is only one way of meeting the Japanese infiltration danger. Organize and arm the people along the coast as swiftly as possible. Give them the poorest weapons and enough servicemen to give them short training. Sustain this force by the full backing of the intelligentsia organized on the basis of patriotism and not on the broken reed of mere pay. Hence the corollary of a National Government and its inspiring call. There are half a dozen ways in which this can be secured without wasting precious time if only the spirit is willing". If this is done, victory in India is as good as won. And that is no small thing. But if this is not done in time, then, says Rajaji, "the consequences are obvious enough—an apathetic people uninspired for facing immediate trouble and danger and feeling no responsibility in respect of public safety". There is no surer or speedier way to victory than a National Government in India. This point seems to be fully realised by the "New Statesman", which says that the only hopeful tactics would be such as the Chinese adopted and this "could be done only if a National Government trusted by the people could light in their hearts the flame of patriotic enthusiasm". The case for doing so, the paper adds, is "not merely that good faith demands it" but also that "only when they see an Indian National Government exercising reality of power in Delhi will the masses throw themselves into a struggle for their own freedom". Even in America public opinion seems to be anxious for renewed attempts for a settlement. A senator suggests to Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru that Indians should ask President Roosevelt to act as arbiter. India's demand for a National Government during war time does not admit of any compromise. If that is conceded, and if there should be disputes about details, Congress will not object to President Roosevelt's arbitration in the matter.

Fighting In Burma

Battles in Burma have entered upon a critical stage and the situation is more serious than was expected. Japanese forces operating against General Alexander's troops have, in recent days, been advancing at a rapid pace and have now come within twenty-five miles of the main oilfields despite the stubborn resistance offered by the British during the last three or four days. The seriousness of the situation arises from the fact that the British withdrawal has exposed the Chinese right flank although General Alexander is trying to cover it as best as he can. Taking advantage of the position, the Japanese, while driving a wedge between the British and the Chinese, are attempting a push from the nort-east with the object of enclosing General Stillwell's forces in a powerful pincer. The peril to the Chinese Expeditionary Force and consequently to the whole future of the Indo-Chinese front is grave. How is General Wavell going to meet it?

Meanwhile the tragedy of lack of air support continues. General Alexander again reports that enemy aircraft are "very active" over forward areas and also over British lines of supply and communication. The consequences of such attacks carried out without effective interference can easily be visualised. The Japanese gained air supremacy on the Burma front over a month ago. But during this period all that seems to have been done by way of rendering air assistance to General Alexander is a raid or two by a few Anglo-American bombers. The latest messages, however, indicate greater activity, by the R. A. F. and the A. V. G. The inability or omission to establish a strong air force in Burma is a double tragedy. It has deprived the defence of the only means of holding up the Japanese. It also misses a splendid opportunity of offensive operations against Japan's bases and lines of communication. Brigadier-General Royce, who led the recent air attacks on the Philippines has just stated that "he considered that a vital spot to hit the Japanese from was Burma and that if the Allies could get sufficient planes there and strike across into China they could cut the Japanese line with long range bombers". No word need be added to this statement except one of regret that the vital "vital spot" has not received due attention by the Allies.

Frankly Speaking

Hitler And His Offensive

The Berlin correspondent of a Stockholm paper suggests that the much advertised German spring offensive has perhaps been postponed. His argument is that instead of talking about an offensive in May or June Nazi papers now declare that "it is impossible to say when the time will be ripe" and that the German people are being urged to have patience and confidence in their military leaders. It is impossible to conceive of any likelihood of Herr Hitler postponing his offensive for any considerable length of time. If he did that he would be inviting disaster to himself at the hands of a Red Army whose strength in numbers and equipment is rapidly mounting. He knows this only too well and, therefore, he is very certain to strike before long.

Likely Plan

It is possible that he may delay the original plan to a certain extent while he is consolidating his defence in western Europe and also trying to upset the balance in the Mediterranean. The commando raids, coupled with the visit to London of General Marshall and a vigorous intensification of R.A.F. day and night activities, have obviously caused him some concern. Hence the transfer of Field Marshal von Rhundstedt to Paris. Hence also the foisting of M. Laval upon Marsnal Petain as the real dictator of Vichy France. Von Rhundstedt will organise military defence and M. Laval secure what is known as the "rear". He may also possibly wait to see M. Laval duly launched upon aggressive activities against the Free French and Britain and, therefore, the U.S.A.

Curious Inspection

It has been officially announced that General Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, recently completed an extensive tour of inspection of the British Ninth and Tenth Armies in Palestine Syria and Transjordania and Iraq and Iran. What is the significance of this extensive tour and its official announcement? Is it intended to convey an impression that General Auchinleck expects them to be in action soon? If so, he is anticipating a remote probability. What he should rather do is to activise his Eighth Army.

For Climatic Reasons

When asked in the House of Commons how many race meetings were held in Calcutta during the first three months of this year and what steps were being taken to put the European community on a war basis by limiting amusements, restricting food, petrol and luxuries in general, Mr. Amery should have first answered a plain question plainly. But that did not suit him. He evaded the question by calling it names, by saying that the question created a wholly misleading impression of the present manner of the living of Europeans in India. He held forth on the difference between the conditions of life and work in the tropical climate and those in Britain. This amounted to saying that the Europeans in India had to enjoy themselves even in war time—for climatic reasons. We do not object to simple innocent pleasures at any time. But all will be the better for a little more plain living

Wheat Supplies

The Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, has done a service by drawing Government's attention to the shortage of wheat supplies in the city. If the Chamber is right in stating that the present stocks are not enough to meet the requirements of the population even for a few days, it is a serious situation for which Government cannot escape responsibility. We fully support the Chamber's suggestion that Government should arrange to have reserve stocks in the city and other parts of the province and to make them available to traders and consumers in times of shortage.

HEART OF HONGKONG LITTLE AFFECTED

CHUNGKING, April 17.

Victoria, the residential, business and administrative heart of Hongkong was surprisingly little affected by the siege and surrender of the island according to news reaching here.

It was not greatly damaged as it did not have to withstand direct assault. Streets were crowded and the population mainly pre-occupied by the lack of supplies. Americans who have arrived here describe how a group of American journalists stubbornly held out against their captors' efforts to force them to write some thing good about the Japanese. Civilian prisoners are now accommodated in a large modern prison on Stanley Point.—Reuter.

King Receives New Primate

LONDON, April 17.

The new Archbishop of Canterbury, Doctor Temple, was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace to-day and did homage on his appointment. The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison and the Bishop of Winchester (Clerk of the Closet) were in attendance. Sir James Grigg Secretary for War, was also received in audience by the King.—Reuter.

COLLEGE EDUCATION IN COASTAL TOWNS

By Prof. B. J. VASWANI

I think it eminently desirable that we should have a temporary reorganization of the entire syllabus for all colleges, so that the entire youth of the country would be mobilised as part-time war-workers. Every collegian should do some A.R.P. work or enrol himself as a member of the local Civic Guard, and that part of his work must be regarded as an integral part of the curriculum for the Intermediate, B.A. and other examinations. The purely academic portion of the present curriculum should, in proportion, be curtailed and simplified. Higher education in the country should be immediately placed on a war-basis, and I am sure this kind of education will galvanize the entire educational system of the country, and produce real men as the future leaders of a new India that is in the making. We have walked in the ruts of educational inanities long enough, and if war, even at the expense of cherished traditions, brings a temporary overhauling of the educational system in India in the suggested directions, it will be a blessing for the country and prepare it for radical readjustments in the post-war period.

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But if the Universities in India are too paralysed in their intellectual and moral life to undertake courageous overhaul of education for all the colleges, some essential alterations they will have to make with regard to the regulations which govern their relation with affiliated colleges in coastal areas. It is likely that large-scale evacuation that is taking place in Madras, Calcutta, Bombay and Karachi will so deplete the student strength in the colleges in these cities that they may be compelled to close down, or their premises being requisitioned for war purposes they will cease to function. In both cases, a deathblow will be dealt to some of the oldest and biggest institutions for higher education in the country, which is an eventuality which cannot be viewed without a feeling of alarm. It may be argued that students who normally seek admission to the colleges in coastal areas will not be deprived of education inasmuch-as they will join other colleges which will continue to function in the interior of the country. While it is true that some percentage of the students of all these colleges will be able to provide themselves in this way, there will be several others who will be still residing in the coastal towns and desiring education in their home towns, or in spite of evacuation will find the colleges in the interior unsuitable for many reasons, such as lack of accommodation and equipment for large numbers of new students, lack of facilities for specialized work and unsuitability of environment. What then will happen to all the thousands of young men turned adrift by the closing of colleges in coastal areas? Can the Governments of the provinces, the universities, and the colleges regard this situation with an easy conscience?

Even in Great Britain, the most harassed of all countries involved in war, education is being continued as an essential service. The universities and colleges, even of the metropolis, are being allowed and aided to function. Why not the same courageous deal with and by the colleges in the coastal towns in India? From how temporary adjustments have enabled colleges and universities in Great Britain to continue to function, I venture to make the following suggestions for the consideration of the colleges and the universities in India:

(a) Every college requisitioned by the Government for war purposes must explore with the Government all possibilities of alternative satisfaction of war needs. And the colleges and Governments must take up the stand that education should be regarded as an essential service which must not be stopped in a light-hearted manner. It is only in the extremest need that the college buildings should be allowed to be taken over by the military.

(b) In case, the college buildings have to be handed over, there are several ways in which the colleges could still function. One of the ways tried in some countries engaged in war is for the colleges to go into camps, either in the outskirts of the City itself or in the interior of the country. Camp colleges in India are quite feasible, and they will restore to higher education in our country the old ideal of plain sturdy living which is so characteristic of Indian civilization—and this experiment may have far-reaching influence on the future of educational organisation in the country, particularly in the sphere of recurring and non-recurring finance.

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(c) There is a third way also in which colleges could still function, particularly for that large number of students who have evacuated and who would still like to be connected with their old 'alma mater.' The London University has actually started correspondence courses for all absentee pupils, even for those who are on the various war-fronts. Some such plan could be adopted here in the case of colleges in coastal areas. The students of these colleges who are not able to attend the classes should be allowed to join the colleges all the same, and keep terms *in absentia*, and study at home with the aid of correspondence courses. This also is a matter in which strong initiative must first be taken by the colleges themselves, and I feel confident if all the colleges in coastal areas make joint representation to the Government and Universities concerned, they will be enabled to function in the interest of thousands of young men, and in the true interests of educational experiment of a wholesome character and a large number of the oldest and best colleges in the country will be saved from the prospect of extinction which stares them in the face.

OFFICIALS AND LUXURIOUS TRAVEL

(BY R. K. SIDHWA)

In connection with my previous article in your paper regarding the special trains and special saloons being used by the railway officials, the Hon. Mr. Lalchand Navalrai, M.L.A., put question in the Central Legislative Assembly and the Member in charge of the Railways denied any special train being used by the railway officials. I have got a number of concrete instances to prove that special trains are used by railway officials in these days when locomotive are not available. In January last a special train was used for three weeks and again another special train was used for three weeks and again another special train will be used from 17th April to 24th April, for railway inspection. This train will have five saloons one each for the use of the following officers:—

(1) Government Inspector of Railways, (2) General Manager, (3) Chief Engineer, (4) Chief Operating Superintendent and (5) Divisional Superintendent.

In addition, one bogie and second class composite will be attached for Divisional Office Staff and one bogie for luggage and other staff.

Surely these five officers could have well travelled in a reserved first class compartments of carrying capacity for 8 passengers and one small third class bogie could have been reserved for the staff. When the passengers to-day do not get accommodation even for standing for a journey of more than thirty hours, it is really strange that five railway officials enjoy the same pre-war privilege and luxury of travelling each of them in a big saloon separately. If even one saloon is replaced by a third class bogie, it would accommodate 94 third class passengers.

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Apart from wasting public money in these days of stern economy, it does not appeal to the high railway officials to practise some self-denial even for the humanitarian service so as to make available additional carriages for the third class passengers who at present undergo a lot of inconvenience and hardship in overcrowded bogies.

I do not know what answer the Member in charge of Railways will have to give to the question put by Mr. Lalchand Navalrai now. I am anxious to know. Here is a testimony of the fact how the Government members give incorrect replies to the questions put to them in the Legislative Assembly.

MUSLIM LEAGUE & "HINDUSTAN TIMES"

Jinnah's Statement On Press Conference Incident

NEW DELHI, April 17.

With reference to his recent Press Conference Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President, All-India Muslim League, has made the following statement.

"The account of the Press Conference from which some of the representatives of newspapers and news agencies withdrew is not quite full and correct. I did not invite the Press Association as such. On the contrary, when it was suggested that I should accept invitation of the Press Association to a tea party where the Press Conference also may take place, I said that while I shall consider it an honour to be the guest of the Press Association I did not want a social function to be mixed up with Press Conference which should be a purely business proposition and I, therefore, suggested to one of the representatives of the Press who had approached me that I shall be very glad to see the representatives of the various newspapers and News Agencies as such but it seems that the representative of the "Hindustan Times" was also informed to come to the Conference.

The position with regard to the "Hindustan Times" is as follows:—This paper published the proceedings of the Working Committee which was holding its discussions 'in camera' and, what is more, the account was garbled version, misleading and in parts entirely untrue. The Secretary of the All-India Muslim League, therefore, wrote a letter complaining and pointing out that it was inaccurate and contradicting the correctness of it.

The letter was not even acknowledged by the "Hindustan Times," and certainly the correction of the contradiction in one letter was not published.

Having regard to this conduct on the part of the "Hindustan Times" it was decided by the Muslim League that in future, representatives of the "Hindustan Times" should not be allowed Press privilege and, so to say, the pass was withdrawn.

As that was the position, I could not very well act against that and pointed out that without meaning any disrespect to the representative of the "Hindustan Times" who was present, I could not allow him at the Conference as after all, I was meeting press representatives as President of the All-India Muslim League. I regret that some of them thought that as he was a member of the Press Association they decided that they should withdraw from the Conference. That was not a matter between me and the Press Association at all."—A.P.

BATTLE OF THE INDIAN OCEAN

(By Lieut.-Gen. Sir Douglas Brownrigg)

During the last two and a half years a great deal has been written about the strategic importance of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Now a third ocean claims our attention—the Indian Ocean.

It forms a vast equilateral triangle with its apex in India and its base running from South Africa to Western Australia. The sides of this triangle measure 4,000 miles and they enclose a mighty sheet of water with the British Dominions in two corners and with the third corner occupied by India. All ports along the western side of the triangle are British with the exception of those in Madagascar and Mozambique. It is imperative to learn the lesson of Indo-China and make quite sure that Vichy France does not surrender any of her rights in Madagascar to the Japanese. It is also important that the colonial interests of Portugal in Mozambique are not interfered with by the Axis Powers.

We can realise now better than ever before how much the victories of Generals Platt and Cunningham in East Africa have meant to British strategy. No longer does the harbour of Mogadishu serve as a base for enemy submarines and light craft with which our foes might harry our ships passing up the east coast of Africa to the Persian Gulf and to the ports of India. The port which once supplied the armies of Marshal Graziani is now safely in British hands.

On this side also we find the British islands of Mauritius and the Seychelles, whose excellent harbours now take on an added importance.

So long as Vichy France can be prevented from surrendering any French rights in Madagascar, we can look upon the situation on this side of the Indian Ocean with satisfaction. The base of the triangle offers no places of refuge for any ships of war along 4,000 miles. They may travel between Durban and Freemantle, which is, of course, the main route for shipping from Britain to Australia via the Cape.

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The eastern side of the Indian Ocean does, unfortunately, give some cause for apprehension. This side of the triangle runs from Colombo to Freemantle. Between them and flanking any ships travelling to and fro are the islands of Sumatra and Java, now in Japanese possession. These two islands act as a screen behind which Japan can marshall her forces for attacks on convoys sailing in the Indian Ocean or against their ports of call.

Already the Japanese have secured the Andaman Islands in the Bay of Bengal, which we very wisely declined to defend at the probable cost of many lives and certain destruction of a number of ships. From these islands and from aircraft-carriers based on them, Colombo and two ports on India's eastern coast have been raided by aircraft. Raiders may soon appear in the Arabian Gulf and threaten the security of the line of supply to Russia through the Persian Gulf—a line which is the ony alternative to that up the coast of Norway to Murmansk.

It might appear at first sight that it can never be possible for Japan to be more than a nuisance to sea commerce so far from her home ports. But a glance at a map shows that the Arabian Gulf is about the same distance by sea from Tokyo and London. It is true that the Royal Navy has an advantage in the matter of fuelling stations on the way, but it must be remembered that it is only a matter of time till the ports and installations captured by Japan can be made to serve their new masters.

All these consideration show the immense importance of the port of Colombo to the cause of the United Nations. Colombo is to the Indian Ocean what Pearl Harbour should have been to the Pacific. Her brilliant repulse of the first air raid made on her is a particularly happy augury. It means that the real battle of the Indian Ocean has commenced with a severe Japanese reverse. It has been generally assumed in informed quarters that the great naval battle for supremacy in the Far East will be fought in the Pacific May it not be that the Indian Ocean, instead will be the setting for a new Trafalgar?

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

NEW YORK, April 17.

The Cripps' mission has not failed, said the Agent-General for India in the United States, Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, in a broadcast here on Thursday night.

"It has placed the sincerity of Britain's resolve to give India her freedom beyond doubt," he said.

—Reuter.

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We read a Press report from Delhi to the effect that the War Cabinet is about to invite Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Mr. M. A. Jinnah to London.

We can, however, easily beat that. We have received a report brought by the Junior colleague that President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill are coming out to India to attend the Congress and League meetings.

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Mr. Satyamurti has issued a statement on the Cripps' Mission.

For that we thank Heavens. Mr. Satyamurti had been "missing" so long that we had begun to get alarmed.

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Brigadier-General Royce, who led the air raid on the Philippines, considers that a vital spot to hit the Japanese from is Burma.

He is, of course, so utterly right that both Roosevelt and Churchill would feel irritated.

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The Red Army organ states that in nine months of the Russo-German war, the Nazis lost 38,000 air men.

Doctor Goebbels will, we have no doubt, now promptly kill 15,000 Red airmen in reply.

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General Auchinleck, it is officially stated, has recently completed an extensive tour of inspection of the Ninth and Tenth Armies.

We are duly stirred by the significance of this announcement.

But wouldn't it have been more to the point to have made a tour of inspection of the Eighth Army deserving an official statement?

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It is confirmed in London that Field Marshal von Rhunstedt has gone to an important headquarters in France.

Mr. Churchill and General-Marshal seem successfully to have played on the nerves of the Germans.

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The Vichy rejection of the American reply to Vichy's protest regarding U.S.A. recognition of Free French Africa has been rejected by Washington.

We have no doubt that Vichy will now reject Washington's rejection of Vichy's rejection.

After which Washington will reject impelling Vichy to reject the ..... but sufficient unto the day are rejections thereof.

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According to a Vichy, the Petain Cabinet held its last meeting yesterday, before the Laval Government took office.

De Mortuis Nil Nisi Monum and all that sort of rot.

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"Walter, these are very small oysters."

"Yes, sir."

"And they don't seem very fresh."

"Then it's a good job they're small isn't it, sir?"

BOMBAY FIRE AND GENERAL INSURANCE CO'S PROGRESS

Sale Of Sterling Securities Results In Good Profit: Third Branch Opened In Khandesh Connection In Rangoon Temporarily Suspended

The Seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the Bombay Fire and General Insurance Co. Ltd., was held at the registered office, United India Life Building on Friday evening when Mr. A. Geddis presided.

The Directors after submitting their Report and Audited Revenue Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1941 stated

FIRE REVENUE ACCOUNT:—Net Premiums after deduction of refunds and reinsurances amounted to Rs. 2,75,587-7-1 while Losses paid and outstanding were Rs 62,593-5-3. The Commission and Expenses of Management amounted to Rs. 1,17,279-12-8. The Fire Fund now stands at Rs. 1,26,234-15-6.

MARINE REVENUE ACCOUNT: Net Premiums after deduction of refunds and reinsurances amounted to Rs. 90,125-2-5 while Losses paid and outstanding were Rs. 18,812-6-7. Expenses of Management together with Commission amounted to Rs. 37,084-14-0. The Marine Fund now stands at Rs. 64,027-10-0.

ACCIDENT REVENUE ACCOUNT:—Net Premiums after deduction of refunds and reinsurances amounted to Rs. 48,520-9-6 while Losses paid and outstanding were Rs. 16,468-13-6. Expenses of Management and Commission amounted to Rs. 21,293-5-1. The Accident Fund now stands at Rs. 20,908-3-9.

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT:—Interest, dividends, transfer fees etc. amounted to Rs. 19,187-15-0. The profit on the sale of Sterling securities amounted to Rs. 18,709-8-9 which has been transferred to the General Contingencies Fund (which now amounts to Rs. 68,709-8-9). The profits from Fire and Accident Revenue Accounts amount to Rs. 61,265-1-10. This amount together with the last year's balance of Rs. 39,225-12-5 amounts Rs. 95-554-4-3 out of which a sum of Rs. 15,000/- is provided for Income Tax, Super Tax and Excess Profit Tax if any, leaving Rs. 80,554-4-3 which has been carried to next year's Account.

SECURITIES:—These are valued at cost.

Exchange has been taken at 1s. 6d. per rupee in calculating the values of Sterling amounts. We have deposited Securities of the face value of Rs. 3,10,000/- with the Reserve Bank of India in accordance with the Insurance Act. We have also deposited with the Travancore Government Securities of the face value of Rs. 20,000—to meet their requirements.

Two of the Directors Messrs. Manoobhai Doongursee and Framroze S. Mehta retire under Article 95 of the Articles of Association of the Company and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Rajya Bhusan Rai Bahadur Hiralal Kalyanmal who was co-opted as a Director also retires under Article 85 of the Articles of Association of the Company and being eligible offers himself for re-election.

AUDITORS:—Messrs. S. B. Billimoria & Co., and Messrs. Kalyaniwala & Mistry, the Auditors retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election for the current year.

Chairman's Speech

In moving the adoption of the report the Chairman said,

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the Directors' Report, the audited statements of accounts and the Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1941. These have been in your hands for some time and with your permission I will take them as read.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: It is gratifying to note that our Company has kept up its steady line of progress in spite of the difficulties which have beset Fire Insurance business in these unsettled times.

The net premiums amounted to Rs. 2,75,587-7-1 against last year's premiums of Rs. 1,67,847-7-10 and the losses to Rs. 62,593-5-3 showing a percentage of 22.72 per cent. After charging Rs. 1,17,279-12-8 (being 42.55 per cent. of the premiums) to commission and expenses of Management, the profit of Rs. 52,617-14-8 has been carried to Profit and Loss Account. The funds now amount to Rs. 1,26,234-15-6.

MARINE DEPARTMENT: As explained last year the Marine accounts are being prepared on a three years' underwriting basis in accordance with the Insurance Act. Owing to the abnormal times through which we are passing, specially as regards War Risks, we have decided not to draw anything from the Marine Department to the Profit and Loss Account and have allowed the funds to be augmented to meet any eventualities.

The net premiums amounted to Rs. 90,125-2-5 against last year's premiums of Rs. 57,322-14-1 and the claims to Rs. 23,419-9-3 showing a percentage of 25.98 per cent. The Commission and expenses of Management amounted to Rs. 37,084-14-0 (being 41.15 per cent of the premiums). The funds now amount to Rs. 64,027-10-0.

ACCIDENT DEPARTMENT: I am glad to report that this Department has turned the corner and has shown a Profit this year.

The net premiums amounted to Rs. 48,520-9-6 against last year's premiums of Rs. 43,237-1-2 and the claims to Rs. 16,468-13-6 being 33.94 per cent of the premiums. After charging Rs. 21,293-5-1 (being 43.88 per cent of the premiums) as commission and expenses of Management, the profit of Rs. 9,645-3-2 has been carried to Profit and Loss Account. The funds now amount to Rs. 20,908-3-9.

Sterling Securities

During the year your Directors decided to sell off their holdings of Sterling Securities amounting to £27,700/-. This transaction has resulted in a Profit of Rs. 18,709-8-9 which amount has been added to the General Contingencies Fund which now stands at Rs. 68,709-8-9.

As required by the Act, we have deposited further Securities for Rs. 50,000/- with the Reserve Bank of India. This brings the face value of Government Securities lodged with the Reserve Bank to Rs. 3,10,000/- and the remaining small balance will be deposited as and when necessary according to the requirements of the Act.

As already reported to you by a Circular the Board of Directors has appointed Mr. Farrokh E. Bharucha as a Managing Director of the Company as from 1st January, 1941.

Your Directors had invited Rai Bahadur Seth Hiralalji Kalyanmal to a seat on the Board rendered vacant by the death of our Late Chairman Sir Hormusji C. Dinshaw, Kt., M.V.O., Seth Hiralalji has accepted and joined the Board and we are sure his business acumen and good experience of commercial life will be an asset to the Company. You will be required to confirm his appointment at this Meeting.

In addition to the two existing Branches at Nagpur and Indore respectively we have during the year opened one more Branch at Dhulia. It was found necessary to have a personal representative of the Company to look after our growing interests in Khandesh and we feel confident that it will become one more profitable connection to the Company.

Our outstanding and valuable connection in Rangoon has been temporarily suspended owing to the present state of that country, but we are confident that in a very short time our agents there will be able to resume their activities.

On your behalf and also my own I wish to express our thanks to the members of the staff and to our producers in India and abroad for their devoted services to the Company.

Gentlemen, I now beg to move the following resolution:—

"That the Directors' Report and Audited Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1941 which have been printed and circulated to the members, be taken as read, and that they be approved and adopted."

The Report was adopted.

Nationalise Mines To Avert Coal Famine

EDINBURGH, April 17.

The Conference of the National Union of Scottish Mine Workers to-day unanimously approved a resolution reaffirming that the nationalisation of mines with workers' control was a positive solution for the effective working of the industry and in the meantime fully supporting the policy of the Mines Federation of Great Britain for setting up by Government immediately of a National Board with full powers.

William Pearson of Lanarkshire said that unless miners were prepared to enforce their demand for nationalisation there would be a coal famine.—Reuter.

ON BURMA AND PACIFIC FRONTS

(Continued From Page 1)

the increasing numbers of enemy forces in a series of sanguinary hand-to-hand encounters on the central front in Burma.

A recent war "communique" also reported that the Japanese forces at Yado, which they occupied on April 11 after a 65 mile thrust north-eastward from Toungoo, have been heavily and continuously reinforced in their drive towards Meikho, a point 60 miles further to the north-east near the Salween River. The Chinese forces, however, are reported to have checked the enemy's advance.

From Yunan-Burma Border

CHUNGKING: Here is a report from a Central News correspondent, from the Yunan-Burma border, written on April 16:

All Chinese troops, heading for the Burma front are conscious of the serious task ahead of them. They realize that they will be fighting not only for the defence of their Fatherland, but also for world peace and humanity. New uniforms and complete equipment are evident among our troops going to their first battle outside Chinese soil.—A.P.

PRISONERS IN BATAAN

WASHINGTON, April 17.

A War Department 'communique' states:

PHILIPPINE THEATRE:—While there has been no communication between Corrigedor and Bataan for more than a week, it is estimated that approximately 35,000 American and Filipino combatant troops, several thousand non-combatant and supply troops and about 25,000 civilians are in Bataan, presumably in the hands of the enemy.

No reports of casualties for the last few days fighting has been received but it is probable that they are heavy on both sides. The 'communique' names the major units of the Bataan force and adds that in addition there were several thousand combatant and supply troops of the Philippine Army.

There were in Bataan on April 9, 5,536 sick and wounded patients in the various general hospitals. A relatively small number of troops and all army nurses, totalling 68, were evacuated to Corregidor from Bataan on April 9.

The 'communique' then lists the number of general officers believed to be in the hands of the enemy. These include four Major-Generals and seven Brigadier-Generals of the U. S. Army and five Brigadier-Generals of the Philippine Army. The 'communique' adds that there was nothing to report from other areas.

Japs Land In Panay

WASHINGTON, April 17.

Thursday night's war communique reads. "Hostile troops landed early this morning on the Island of Panay in the Philippines at points near Iloilo and Capiz.

The Japanese came ashore from eight transports protected by naval gunfire and aircraft attacks.

Our forces on Panay are in contact with the enemy but details are not yet available.

Japanese air attacks on Corregidor are continuing. One Japanese bomber was hit by anti-aircraft fire and when last observed was rapidly losing altitude. Our big guns pounded batteries in Bataan and Cavite resulting in a noticeable decrease of enemy artillery fire in the past 30 hours.

Aggressive patrol actions are reported near Moncaya, Zamboanga and Degos in Mindano causing substantial enemy losses. Nothing to report from other areas."

Panay lies north-west of Cebu separated by the island of Negros. Iloilo is on the north coast some 150 miles from Corregidor. Capiz is on the south coast of Panay approximately 235 miles from Corregidor.—Reuter.

Port Moresby Raided

SYDNEY, April 17.

Reports from an advanced Allied base say that the Japanese raided Port Moresby this morning sending over five bombers and five fighters. It is estimated that fifty bombs were dropped, but no casualties or damage was caused. Allied fighters engaged the Japanese but no details are available.—Reuter.

Madras News

FACILITIES FOR HOTEL KEEPERS

MADRAS, April 17.

A press 'communique' issued by the Government of Madras says:—

The Government have examined the facilities and assistance required by the proprietors of hotels in Madras to enable them to continue to meet the needs of their customers. The Government will give the same notice to proprietors and staff of hotels as will be given to essential services in case of an immediate threat to Madras though employment in a hotel will not be declared an essential service under the relevant ordinance.

The Civil Defence Commissioner who is also the Collector of Madras will issue tickets to cooks and other staff in hotels in Madras City which will entitle them at the time of an emergency to admission in the evacuation camps situated near railway stations about thirty miles from Madras.

As a form of assistance to the proprietors of hotels ten per cent of the rent will be given as a subsidy in the case of those hotels which satisfy the Civil Defence Commissioner that they are working satisfactorily and doing a reasonable volume of business.—A.P.

Mayor To Hold Conference Of Leaders

MADRAS, April 17.

The Mayor of Madras proposes to hold a conference of the leaders and other influential men in the city with a view to settling definite plans and arranging the city life as best as they can in view of the conditions prevailing in the city consequent on the exodus of people. Those invited include Mr. C. Rajagopalachari.—A.P.

FORMER PREMIER OF HOLLAND ON TRIAL

BERLIN, April 17.

Jonkheer De Geer Prime Minister of Holland when Germany invaded that country on May 10th 1940 is to be put on trial, it was announced by the Dutch Public Prosecutor at the Hague to-day, says the German News Agency.

Mussert, the Dutch Nazi Leader writing in the newspaper "Volk En Vaterland" charges De Geer with having left Holland while military operations were in progress. He also blames him for the "maltreatment of Dutch Nazis from May 10 to 14 1940 and for provoking Japan while neglecting the defence of the Netherlands Indies".

ALLEGED BREACH OF FAITH

LONDON: It is recalled that De Geer with other members of the Dutch Cabinet left Holland for London after the German invasion. February last year, the Dutch Government in London had entrusted him with a mission to the Netherlands East Indies. When he arrived at Lisbon he chartered a special German plane to take him to the Hague where his wife was reported ill. During that time, the Dutch Government issued a statement which severely blamed De Geer for his breach of faith.

De Geer is 79.—Reuter.

On Leningrad Front

Heavy Losses Inflicted On Germans

120 Officers & Men Killed In One Day's Engagement By Red Army Unit

MOSCOW, April 17.

A Soviet Guerilla detachment operating in the Leningrad region raided four German garrisons and killed 783 German soldiers including one Colonel and one Lieut.-Colonel according to to-day's Soviet supplimentary "communique." They also blew up three ammunition dumps, two fuel dumps and destroyed four tanks.

A Red Army unit inflicted heavy losses on the Nazis on the Leningrad front. In one day's engagement German losses were 120 officers and men and Soviet troops captured much war material. Another Soviet unit operating on the central front killed 200 Germans in two days fighting.—Reuter.

"Output To Soviet Encouraging"

LONDON, April 17.

Two Russian tank experts are attached to the central depot of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps to give advice on equipment and other problems in connection with tanks which Britain is sending to the U. S. S. R. In a workshop, hundreds of yards long, tanks are prepared for their journey to Russia. "The output to the Soviet Union is now encouraging and the quality is good", one Russian expert declared to-day.—Reuter.

WAR LOAN OVER-SUBSCRIBED

The Soviet state war loan has been oversubscribed by 68,000,000 roubles in two days, states an announcement by the People's Commissariat of Finance. by Wednesday subscriptions amounted to over 10,000,000,000 roubles and more are still coming in.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN DRIVE FOR ECONOMY

SYDNEY, April 17.

All unnecessary spending must be eliminated, said the New South Wales Premier, Mr. W. J. McKell, speaking at Sydney. "Australia must have money to prosecute the war," he declared in opening a National Savings Bond Campaign. He said that the war situation, which had previously been critical, had now become still more critical.—Reuter.

VAN MOOK IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.

Dr. Van Mook, Lt. Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies arrived here from Australia with thirteen other officials.—Reuter.

NO TRUCK WITH LAVAL-DOMINATED GOVT.

U. S. AMBASSADOR IN VICHY RECALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS

(From Our Correspondent).

WASHINGTON, April 17.

The United States will refuse to maintain relations with a Laval-dominated Government on the same basis as hitherto existed between the United States and Vichy, it is stated authoritatively here.

STOCKHOLM:— According to "Tidingens Berliner", well informed quarters regard Laval's main task is to obtain the confidence of the French people which he is at present lacking.

It is considered that Laval would not have undertaken the task unless he has received concessions from Germany in advance, but it is difficult to visualise what forms the concessions might take.

VICHY:—After this morning's Cabinet meeting, Marshal Petain conferred with M. Laval who showed him the first list of personalities whom he hoped to have in new Government. Certain number of posts, it is believed, still remain to be filled.

Darlan's Position

A 'communique' issued by the Council of Ministers says that Admiral Darlan has agreed to take command of the French, Land, Sea, and Air Forces.

Admiral Darlan is described as the designated successor of Marshal Petain.

The 'communique', which was issued after this morning's meeting of the Council of Ministers, also says that the Ministers handed their resignations to Marshal Petain.

The 'communique' added: "Marshal Petain thanked Admiral Darlan and the Secretaries of State for the devoted help, which they had given him in the grave circumstances through which the country is passing".

U. S. Ambassador Recalled

LONDON:—It is confirmed in Vichy that the United States Ambassador, Admiral Leahy, has been invited by his Government to go to Washington without delay, says the Paris Radio.

WASHINGTON: Mr. Welles, Acting Secretary of State, confirmed that in view of the new French Government formed by Laval and all that it implied, President Roosevelt has decided to recall Admiral Leahy for consultation.

A statement of United States policy is expected, following the publication of the official list of M. Laval's Cabinet.

Councellor Tuck will act as Charge D'Affaires in Vichy in the absence of Admiral Leahy. Admiral Leahy will return to the United States as soon as Mrs. Leahy is well. She underwent a slight operation a few days ago.

Vichy Note Rejected

Mr. Welles at a press conference confirmed that he rejected the French communication of Thursday which rejected the United States proposal to establish a United States Ministry at Brazzaville in French West Africa. The French communication had been submitted and approved by the German Government.

It is understood that rejection yesterday by Mr. Welles of Vichy's reply to the United States Note regarding the French protest against the appointment of a Consul-General in Brazzaville is based on the knowledge that the reply was inspired by the German Government and consequently the State Department could not accept it. Following yesterday's verbal explanation to Mr. Welles by M. Henry Haye, a formal note will be delivered to Mr. Welles today.

NAZI INFANTRY DIVISIONS SUSTAIN HEAVY LOSSES

STOCKHOLM, April 17.

The Moscow radio was heard here to-day to state that in spite of fierce German resistance one great fortified place after another are being captured in the Demidovo sector, 18 miles northeast of Smolensk.

The 278th, the 366th and the 263rd German Infantry divisions have suffered particularly heavy losses in these operations, it was added.—Reuter.

NO VICTORY THROUGH BACK-DOOR CAMPAIGNS

EVERY MILITARY MAN BELIEVES WAR CAN BE WON ONLY BY ATTACKING GERMANY AND JAPAN AT SOURCE

WASHINGTON, April 17.

Mr. Stimson, Secretary for War, told a press conference: "We are getting pretty near to the stage of an offensive, however difficult it may be. Things are beginning to move in the right direction. I have great confidence in the growing morale of our people and overwhelming confidence in the young men in our army".

STAGE OF OFFENSIVE BEING REACHED

In reply to a question whether there were any grounds for the report which came from Australia this week that there was a shiver of fear throughout Australia that the United States might not reinforce Australia, Mr. Stimson laughed and then remarked: "I have never attributed to Australians the likelihood of their having shivers of fear".

Asked for a report on the progress of war, Mr. Stimson said: "I am now more than ever convinced, that we are going to get on the offensive—and at the first practical moment. The war caught most of us by surprise—our minds and spirits were not ready—and many things must be done before the country is ready for war—particularly an offensive war.

We must make sure that our resources and factories are protected against any interruption which would hold up or damage our offence. And when it is a world war with powerful enemies attacking us all around the globe, our key points of defence run far out into distant quarters of the world where some friendly nation is holding a post that is vital to us. That is what we have been trying to do during these difficult months and the task is not yet finished.

SUPERB MORALE

Mr. Stimson described the morale of the American fighting forces as "superb". "But things are beginning to move and in the right direction. I have great confidence in the growing morale of our people and overwhelming confidence in our young men in our army. Whether they are in far off outposts or home training, their morale has become superb and must be, if they are to accomplish the task before them.... We are getting pretty near to the stage of offensive, however, difficult that may be".

Mr. Stimson announced the organization of a New Army Combat Force and a Destroyer Command. In addition to tank defence units, the destroyer forces have the offensive mission to seek out and destroy enemy tanks.

ONLY WAY TO WIN WAR

(From Our Correspondent)

CAIRO, April 17.

The most hopeful expectations are being aroused by the appearance of General Marshall in London. Every military man I have met believes the war can be won only by attacking Germany and Japan at the source and not through back-door campaigns, writes Raymond Clapper.

All activity in India and China is viewed by almost every one as a holding operation and not the means of a decisive campaign. Everyone is looking of a new Western Front and an attack against Japan from the Pacific as the best hope of victory.

The prevailing view is that Russia should be assisted for knocking out Germany after which all the Allied strength could be thrown against Japan which is so far extended that she would crumble under direct blows as rapidly as she advanced during the last few months.

The distance to the Middle East and Indian ports is 12,000 miles against 3,000 across the North Atlantic. Shortage of shipping makes economy a factor of greatest importance. I have seen enough difficulties of getting limited supplies here to appreciate why there can be no undue hopes for an enormous campaign east of Suez. If planes were available, it would be possible from Allied points in the Middle East to bomb German oil sources in Rumania, and possibly do an effective crippling job.

It is important also to hold the supply line to Russia. Beyond that seems a matter of keeping the trickle of supplies to India and China to hold back the Japs and preventing them from joining forces with the Germans through the Middle East. Everyone prays Russia will continue the pounding of the Germans.

The basic fact is recognised by all that we are being given time, thanks to the Russian resistance. That is the plain cold fact which stands out above all that I have heard or seen of the war east of Suez.

MacARTHUR'S STATUS DEFINED

WASHINGTON, April 17.

The Secretary for War, Mr. Stimson, clarifying General MacArthur's exact status in the South-Western Pacific has issued the following statement:—

There has never been any question except that General MacArthur have command over all that area. Both Dutch and Australian Governments have given the utmost co-operation from the beginning. The administration and tactical leadership of troops and fleets are retained by interested nations, but the practical co-ordination of the United Nations' effort and its strategic direction is a matter for General MacArthur alone. Whether New Zealand is included in General MacArthur's Command is a military secret.

In Middle East

ENEMY ARMOURED CARS SHELLED

CAIRO, April 17.

A Middle East Communique states: "A sandstorm limited operations yesterday. Enemy armoured cars and other vehicles in the Termrad area were shelled by our artillery and the forces withdrew."—Reuter.

Gloucester's Arrival

LONDON, April 17.

The Duke of Gloucester has arrived in the Middle East on a visit to the Middle East forces, says a War Office special "communique".

He went at the invitation of the Commander-in-Chief Sir Claude Auchinleck.

During the tour he will visit the forces of the navy and the air force as well as the troops of the Middle East forces, the "communique" adds.—Reuter.

Italian Transport Sunk In Mediterranean

LONDON, April 17.

A large Italian transport was sunk by a British submarine in the Mediterranean, says an official Admiralty "communique."

The ship which was one of the two transports protected by escort vessels was hit by two torpedoes and sank in seven minutes.—Reuter

Raids On Southwest Coast Of England

LONDON, April 17.

An Air Ministry Communique states that enemy air craft this afternoon dropped bombs at two places on the south-west coast of England. A number of people were injured and some damage was caused. One enemy bomber was destroyed by one of our fighter patrols early this morning.—Reuter.

U. S. TECHNICAL MISSION IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, April 17.

The American Technical Mission, headed by Dr. Henry Grady arrived here this afternoon. The Mission meets the Government of India on Monday next. In addition to Dr. Grady, the Mission consists of Messrs. Dirk Dekka, Bent Braune, Dale Maka and Henry Beyster. Col. Harrington, another member of the Mission, arrived in Delhi with Col. Louis Johnson.—A.P.

Bravery Of Hongkong Civilians

LONDON:—J. Smith organist of the Hongkong Cathedral is among those reported killed in the Colonial List of Civil Casualties in the Far East issued today.

The Bishop of Labuan and Sarawak is believed to be a prisoner as are also W. G. Tait, Post-Master-General at Sarawak and Mrs. Tait.

The list of names 48 killed at Hongkong and two at Sarawak while two others have died and eight more are believed killed.

The large number of Hongkong killed who are described as belonging to the Hongkong volunteer Defence Corps indicates the bravery with which civilians took part in the defence.—Reuter.

Chinese Farmers' Co-ops. Forge Ahead

CHUNGKING, April 17.

Revealing the extent of the reorganisation to make better use of China's man-power, the Minister for Social Affairs, Ku-Cheng-Kang, especially mentioned the improved lot of the struggling farmers. There are now 103,000 co-operative societies buying land, seed, fertilizers and implements on behalf of six million members whose output has been greatly increased.—Reuter.

FREEZING WAGES OPPOSED

U. S. Labour Leaders Hold Conference With Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, April 17.

Vital problems of wage stabilisation, mobilisation of industrial manpower and price levels were discussed by President Roosevelt on Thursday with the joint Labour Committee of the Congress of the Industrial Organisations and the American Federation of Labour.

The President of the C. I. O. Mr Murray and the President of the A. F. L. Mr. Green expressed to the President their "determined and uncompromising opposition to freezing wages".

They assured President Roosevelt, however, that labour was ready to make equal sacrifices with all other groups in the war effort.

The leaders of the two American Trade Union organisations will discuss among themselves the question of labour's participation in the programme for mobilising manpower and will then report to President Roosevelt.—Reuter.

Jap Loss In Raid On Port Moresby

CANBERRA:—A 'communique' states that Port Moresby's twenty-fifth air-raid took place on Friday morning costing the Japanese one ZERO fighter shot down, two probably shot down and others damaged. There were several service casualties, two of which are believed to be serious. No damage is yet reported.

Five Japanese bombers escorted by fighters dropped about 45 bombs from 22,000 feet. R. A. A. F. fighters intercepted the raiders as they were leaving and various individual combats took place. All our aircraft returned safely.

Two Nazi Internees Escape

BOWHANVILLE,

(Ontario), April 17.

Two German war prisoners escaped from an officer's Internment camp at night time.—Reuter

Islam Is Religion Of Peace

PROF. A. M. MOULVI ON PROPHET'S CHARTERS TO JEWS

An illuminating discourse on the subject "Islam Is A Religion of Peace" was delivered by Prof A. M. Moulvi, under the auspices of the Bombay Peace Brigade, on Friday evening at the Nagpada Neighbourhood House, Bombay. Mr. B. G. Kher, former Premier of Bombay, presided.

Prof. Moulvi, at the outset in tracing the history of Islam, said that in the days of the Prophet Islam meant nothing more than the Quran and every Muslim was an embodiment of the virtues presented in the Quran. In the days of the first four Caliphs it meant the Quran plus the sayings and doings of the Prophet familiarly known as traditions. Later on it meant, the Quran, the traditions and 'Ijma', the concensus of the learned divines.

INFLUENCE OF ENVIRONMENT

At later stages it assumed different phases at different places and different times. It could not escape the influence of the environment and this was the reason why Indian Islam was different from Islam in Iran and Islam in Iran was different from Islam in Turkey and so on.

"When I talk of Islam", he said, "I mean the Islam in the days of the Prophet and the four Caliphs and not the Islam of the later periods when it got mixed up with non-essentials."

"Islam literally means Peace. Peace with God, Peace with man, Peace at home and Peace with the outside world, Peace in this world and Peace in the world to come. Technically it means submission to the will of God which has been revealed to man through Prophet Mohamed and is embodied in the Quran. It consists of two parts profession and practice," said the speaker.

ONENESS OF GOD

The profession of Islam meant belief in the oneness of God, belief in Prophet Mohamed and all other Prophets that had preceded him, belief in all the revealed books, belief in the angels, belief in the Day of Judgment and belief that God is the final cause of everything. The practice of Islam consisted of prayer, pilgrimage, fasting and alms-giving which were the common institutions of almost all the religions in the world. Forms differed but the essence was the same. This was not all, a Muslim could not become a Muslim in the real sense of the word if he was not true in the discharge of his duties to man. Prophet Mohamed laid great emphasis on this part of the life of a Muslim by enjoining that the duties that man owes to man were more important than the duties towards God.

In this connection, the speaker said, the Christians took pride in saying that Christianity had taught them the highest point of humility by advising the Christians to offer the right cheek if the left were struck. But Islam had gone a step further than that. It enjoined on the Muslims to do good in return for evil.

To illustrate this point Prof. Moulvi quoted the well-known historical instance of the Prophet's friendly visit to the house of the hostile Jew who used to throw refuse on his head and shower abuse and insult every morning at the time of going to the mosque for prayers.

NOT A MILITANT RELIGION

With regard to the widespread impression that Islam was a militant religion the speaker said it was due to malicious propaganda by the hostile critics of Islam. Almost all the wars that were fought in the lifetime of the Prophet and the first four Caliphs were forced upon them by the non-Muslims.

Another twisted version that Islam was spread by the sword, was disproved by the fact that 'Iman' in Islam did not mean a lip-profession but a conviction of the conscience which could not be exacted by means of the sword.

TOLERANCE

He said, that Islam was not only full of tolerance but it showed the greatest respect to other religions. In this connection the Professor quoted two charters of liberty given by Prophet Mohamed, one to the Jews of Medina when he was at the height of power and another to the Christians.

In the days of Oomer, the Prof. said, in Damascus under one roof in one half of the building the prayer cry of the Muslims was heard and in the other half the Christian mass was celebrated. This continued for 80 years.

AGAINST PERSECUTION

Concluding Prof. Moulvi said that no religion on the face of the earth taught its followers to persecute the followers of other religions.

He could say with authority that Islam was positively against persecution.

The sum and substance of all religions was to be good and to do good.

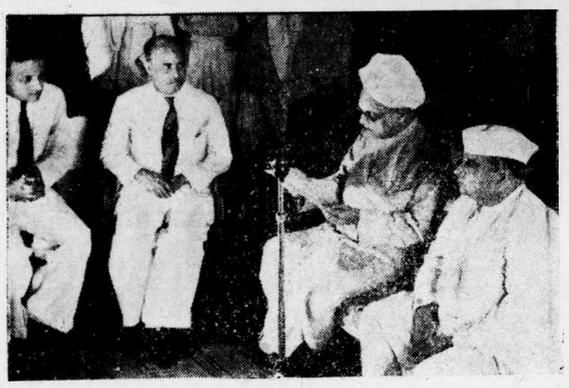
He deplored that the politicians instead of making the best use of religion were exploiting religion for their own purposes.

Mr. B. G. Kher eulogised the erudite disquisition made by Prof. Moulvi. He agreed with the speaker that all religions were different routes to the same destinations. The oneness of God was stressed in the Upanishads. It was the salient feature of every religion on the face of the world.

Humanity was also one and it was painful to observe that in India one religion clashed with the other. It was, therefore, necessary that members of one religion made a study of their neighbour's religion.

Mr. Kher appealed to the audience to eschew bias and to respect all religions. If this were done, there would be no communal clashes and India would be a brotherhood of religions.

Prof. V. G. Rao proposed a vote of thanks.



Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri, speaking for a gramophone record in a recording company in Bombay.

THREE CRORES IN EXCESS OF REVENUE

India Govt.'s February Expenditure

NEW DELHI, April 18.

The latest statement of the Central Government's monthly accounts shows that excluding periodical adjustments and the transactions of Railways, and the Posts and Telegraphs Department, expenditure in February exceeded revenue by Rs. three crores.

The total excess of expenditure over revenue during the first 11 months ending February, 1942, was Rs. 50 1/2 crores as compared with Rs. 43 crores in the corresponding period of the previous year. Revenue in 1941-42 is better by Rs. 24 1/2 crores but Defence expenditure has increased by Rs. 29 1/3 crores.

Net receipts from Railways during these 11 months are Rs. 11 1/4 crores better, but although available to the Central Government for Ways and Means purposes, these do not affect the revenue position to their full extent, since a substantial portion will be utilised at the end of the year for the repayment of loans taken from the Railway Depreciation Reserve Fund.

Defence Loan receipts from April to February (excluding conversions of the 3 per cent bonds 1941, which amounted to Rs. 5 1/2 crores) totalled Rs. 50 1/2 crores, but owing mainly to the conversions and cancellations of the rupee counterparts of Sterling Loans, the Permanent Debt shows only a net addition of about Rs. one crore on the whole.—A.P.

Justice Broomfield To Act As Chief Justice

NEW DELHI, April 17.

A communique states:—As the Hon. Sir John Beaumont, Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court, has been appointed to act as a judge of Federal Court, the Governor-General is pleased to appoint the Hon Mr. Justice Broomfield, Kt., I.C.S., a Judge of the Bombay High Court, to perform the duties of the Chief Justice until the end of long vacation of the Court in June, 1942, and to appoint the Hon. Mr. Justice Blackwell, Kt., a Judge of the Bombay High Court to perform the duties of the Chief Justice after the vacation until Sir John Beaumont resumes his duties.—A.P.

Alleged Assault On Jail Wardens

BAREILLY, April 16.

Charges under the Prison's Act have been framed against Messrs Jai Ram Sharma, Vishva Nath Roy, Satraghun Kumar, Ram Ujhagar Sharma, Saran Niranjan Singh and Saran Beant Singh, security prisoners detained in the Bareilly Central Prison by Mr. Zahid Ali Khan, First Class Magistrate, for alleged assault on jail wardens. Mr. Daya Ram Beri was acquitted. All the accused pleaded not guilty.—A.P.

LATE A. B. DHRUVA MEMORIAL MOVE.

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, April 17.

Gujrat Vernacular Society has appointed a committee for considering the question of a memorial to late Mr. Anandshanker B. Dhruva.

A loaded motor lorry struck against the level crossing gates in Sakhotitanda station yard on the Saharanpur-Ghaziabad section of the Frontier Railway, causing damage to gates while they were closed for passage of a passenger train.

Chiang Praises Students' Achievements

China More Certain Of Victory To-day, Says War Minister

BOMBAY, April 17.

In Chungking, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, who is concurrently principal of the Central Police Academy, personally attended, yesterday, the ceremony for the unveiling of a bronze statue of himself at the academy. Several guests were present.

Addressing the students, the Generalissimo praised their achievements, and encouraged them in their efforts.

According to a Chungking message in a broadcast at 3-30 yesterday morning, General Ho Ying Chin, War Minister and concurrently Chief of Staff, said to the Chinese in Japanese occupied territories that China was more certain of victory to-day that at any other period of the Sino-Japanese war. While more than one million of her effectives were tied down in China, Japan, promised victory by her militarists, laid down her last trump card by making a sudden attack on both America and Britain also in an effort to calm down the rising uneasiness at home.

"Though Japan has had some initial gains in the opening phase of the war in the south-west Pacific", the Chief of Staff said, "yet battles are decided not in the beginning but in the last round." "The day will come," General Ho declared, "when the United Nations will bring warships, guns and tanks in an overwhelming number to drive out the enemy so that he will be utterly crushed."—A.P.

Kripalani At Poona

POONA, April 17.

Acharya Kripalani arrived here to-day in the evening.

He is addressing a public meeting to-morrow evening at the Congress Bhuvan.—A. P.

Jap Aggression And Kisan Sabha Stand

PATNA, April 17.

"As Japanese aggression is knocking at the gate of India, we cannot but take a serious note of it and must gird up our loins to meet it as best as we can, irrespective of what the British Government do or do not do", says Swami Sahajanand Saraswati, President of the All-India Kisan Sabha in the course of a statement. He adds that the Nagpur Resolution of the Kisan Sabha stands for this objective though it has been criticised in various quarters.

"The stand of the Kisan Sabha "vis-a-vis" war and National struggle", he continues "is now fully vindicated and there seems as far as can be gathered no basic difference, if any, between it and that of the premier political organisation in the country, the Congress".—A. P.

S. N. Tagore Arrested

LUCKNOW, April 17.

Mr. Soumyendra Nath Tagore was arrested yesterday under the Defence of India Rules.

It will be recalled that recently he presided over the Freedom Conference organised by the Lucknow University Union and the Sixth Annual Session of the Lucknow Students' Federation.—A.P.

MAKE INDIA ANOTHER CHINA OR RUSSIA

Sir Bertram Stevens Assures Increased Aid From Australia

NEW DELHI, April 17.

The vital strategic link between India and Australia was emphasised by Sir Bertram Stevens, Australian representative on the Eastern Group Supply Council, addressing Press correspondents at a farewell party given to him this evening.

The strategic situation which had impeded communication between the two countries had rendered it unnecessary to maintain two Australian establishments in India, he said. "It is inevitable," he went on, "that our representation here should be cut down and my work has been completed. I am therefore leaving almost immediately. The Australian section of the Eastern Group Supply Council and the Australian Trade Commissioner's office have been amalgamated and Mr. Gollan, the Australian Trade Commissioner, will carry out both functions in Simla. He is now Australia's representative in India and I know that with his great experience, he will very worthily discharge all the functions attached thereto. The same arrangements are being made in the case of New Zealand and Mr. Peot, the New Zealand representative, is also returning very shortly, I understand.

"These changes must not be taken to mean that Australia is withdrawing her support from India. Australia will definitely endeavour to carry out all her commitments to the fullest extent in her power. The conditioning factors are the situation in the Indian ocean and Australia's own growing internal requirements of the South-west Pacific area.

I am, personally, confident that when we have the measure of the Japanese sea threat, Australian aid to India will grow and the collaboration which has been instituted already with such valuable results, will be resumed to an even greater extent.

Sir Bertram Stevens stressed the need to make India another China or another Russia with same heroic resistance and devotion to the national cause.—A.P.

Wanted Missionaries For Muslim Education

BOMBAY, Friday.

Speaking on the reorganisation of Muslim Education at the Muslim Students' Union to-day Mr. Baquir Husain, Principal, Panchgani Muslim High School, said that, whether in primary, secondary or higher education, the Muslim had very few institutions compared to the Hindus.

WANTED PLANNED EFFORT

Even when philanthropic Muslims were prepared to donate money, nothing much could be done in the absence of clear thinking and planned efforts. It was high time Muslims bestirred themselves. It was no good standing and watching the efforts of other communities parasitically.

The thing to do was to organise charities, endow freeships and scholarships, open schools and colleges, and train workers to carry on educational activities in a spirit of sacrifice. It was essential that the programme should be based on clear thinking and planning.

Dr. Sufi presided.

"Tendulkar Released"

The Director of Information writes:—"My attention has been drawn to an article published in your issue of April 2 under the heading, "Tendulkar Released." The statements that Mr. Tendulkar had lost 22 lbs. in weight and that "the detenus are suffering much through heat and under-nutritious food" are incorrect.

Mr. D. G. Tendulkar's weight on admission to the Nasik Road Central Prison was 136 lb. and at the time of his release it was 122 lb. Thus he lost 14 lb.—and not 22 lb. as stated in the report.

During his detention Mr. Tendulkar kept very good health and, in order to reduce his weight, took vigorous exercise. He was given ½ lb. of milk and sour limes as extra diet.

The security prisoners are keeping good health. Extra diet is prescribed by the medical officer when necessary.

B. S. N. WORKERS FORM A UNION

(From A Correspondent)

A mass meeting of over 500 workers of the Bombay Steam Navigation Co. Ltd., held at Nawab Tank Maidan under the presidentship of Mr. Tayab Shaik resolved to form a Union of the Patent Slip Workshop Workers and the Managing Committee be empowered to formulate demands and negotiate with the management.

The following were then elected office-bearers for the year 1942-43: President: Mr. Tayab Shaikh. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. Bokhari and N. N. Menon. General Secretary: Mr. George Lobo. Joint Secretaries: I. E. Shaik and C. S. Raje.

The meeting decided to send fraternal greetings to the workers of Russia, China, America, and England in their fight against Fascism.

This meeting welcomed the idea of forming Emergency Defence Committee and the Volunteer Defence Corps and urged workers to join the Volunteer Defence Corps.

WHEN LUCKNOW WAS ISOLATED

Storm Havoc In U. P.: Telephones And Telegraph Suffer Most

LUCKNOW, April 17.

A violent storm raged throughout the Province yesterday evening. Telegraph and telephone communications between Lucknow and the outside world were completely broken down and restoration of the same was effected only this morning. The storm was followed by a heavy shower of rain accompanied by hailstones, resulting in an appreciable drop in the temperature. A number of big trees were uprooted.

Over a hundred telephone connections were cut off and gangs are still busy on the lines.—A.P.

Khaksars Defy Ban

LUCKNOW, April 17.

A warning that the ban imposed by the Government of India on the carrying of 'belchas' by Khaksars will now be strictly enforced in Lucknow has been given by the District authorities. Despite the warning, however, a batch of six Khaksars carrying 'belchas' is reported to have attempted to stage the customary parade.

A police party promptly reached the scene and seized the 'belchas'. No arrest was made.—A.P.

LEST WE FORGET MARTYRS OF JALLIANWALA BAUG!

Wreaths From "Chronicle," "Sentinel" & "Samachar" Placed At Memorial

(From Our Correspondent)

AMRITSAR, (By Mail)

The 'Shahidi Day' at Amritsar commenced with the flag hoisting ceremony which was performed by Dr. S. D. Kitchlew.

Among those who sent messages for the occasion are Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Sjt. Purshottamdas Tandon and Sjt. B. G. Kher.

It is a feature of the ceremony to offer garlands at the memorial well into which a large number of persons fell and lost their lives 23 years ago. Prominent leaders and political and social organisations and citizens offered garlands. Sjt. Mahabir Tyagi, M.L.A., was sent by the U. P. P. C. C. to represent them with a garland. The flowers presented by the local Muslim Pakistani Anjuman were greatly appreciated. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President had ordered a special garland to be placed on his behalf.

The "Bombay Chronicle", "Bombay Sentinel" and the "Bombay Samachar" were represented by the Lahore Correspondent who placed special wreaths on their behalf.

That the memory of the Jallianwala Bagh is sacred to all Indians is borne out by the fact the Hindu Sabha, the Mahabir Dal, the Muslim Anjuman, the Local Bar Association, the Students and Workers' Unions presented their tributes. All through the day, the crowds of pilgrims to have a holy dip in the pool of immortality (Golden Temple) continued to visit the scene of tragedy.

In the afternoon, the Kisan Conference was held. A resolution demanding the release of the detenus was passed.

The Memorial meeting commenced at 6 in the evening under the presidentship of Master Poornanand. Sjt. Mahabir Tyagi associated himself on behalf of his province with the homage paid to the martyrs. He appealed to the audience to strengthen the Congress in every manner and outlined the scheme of self-sufficiency and self-defence as it is being worked out in U.P.

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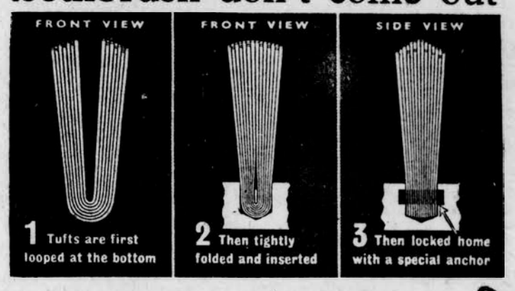
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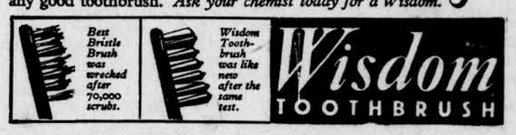
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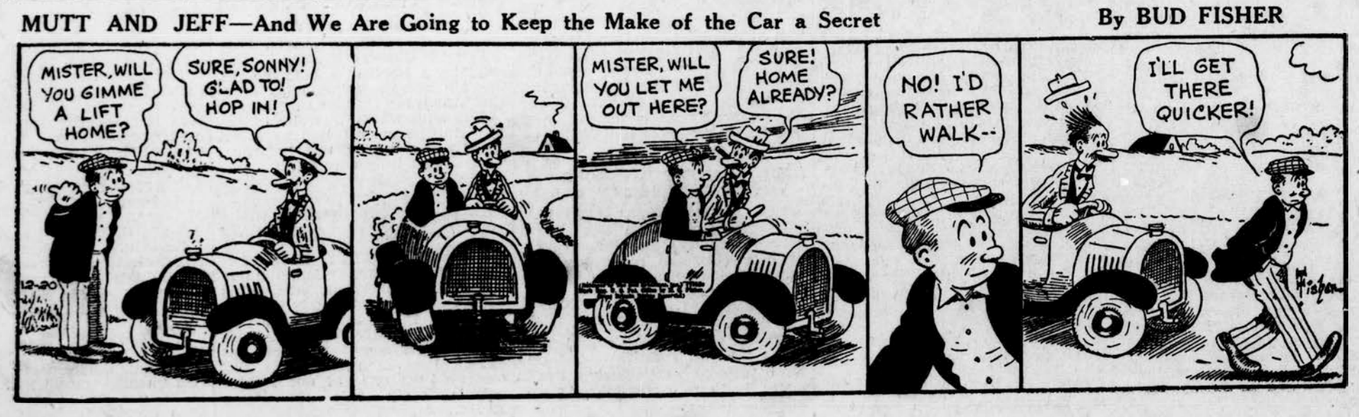
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BOMBAY GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

Civil Appointments

Mr. I. C. Munshi, on return from leave to officiate as District and Sessions Judge East Khandesh, vice Mr. R. S. Halliday I.C.S., transferred;

Mr. V. N. Sardesai, I.C.S., Deputy Secretary to Government, Legal Department, on relief, to be District and Sessions Judge West Khandesh, vice Mr. D. C. Joshi, transferred;

Mr. D. C. Joshi, District and Sessions Judge West Khandesh on relief to be District and Sessions Judge, Satara vice Mr. P. H. Gunjal reverting.

Mr. S. P. Bhatkal, officiating Superintendent of Police, Bombay City, is granted leave for two months, from 17th March 1942.

Mr. P. V. Raje, Inspector of Police, Bombay City, to officiate as Superintendent of Police, Bombay City, from the 28th March 1942, vice Mr. S. P. Bhatkal proceeded on leave.

Mr. S. P. Bhatkal on return from leave, to officiate as Superintendent of Police, Bombay City, reverting Mr. P. V. Raje.

Mr. N. M. Wagle I.C.S., Assistant Collector, Ahmedabad, to be Additional Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General and Educational Departments, from the date he takes over charge.

Mr. N. K. Dravid I.C.S., Assistant Legal Remembrancer and ex-officio Secretary to the Bombay Legislative Assembly, to officiate as Deputy Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Legal Department and ex-officio Secretary to the Bombay Legislative Council.

Mr. R. S. Halliday, I.C.S., District and Sessions Judge, East Khandesh to officiate as Assistant Legal Remembrancer and ex-officio Secretary to the Bombay Legislative Assembly.

Dr. (Miss) K. V. Shetty, Honorary Woman Assistant Radiologist J. J. Hospital, Bombay, and Honorary Woman Radiologist, Cama and Albless Hospitals, Bombay, is granted an extension of leave for three months from 22nd February 1942.

Akalis Want No Communal Raj

AMRITSAR, April 15.

Those who think that because we are opposed to Pakistan, therefore we support a Hindu Raj for India, are sadly mistaken. We want neither Hindu Raj nor Muslim Raj, nor even the Sikh Raj. What we advocate is a joint rule of all parties and communities guaranteeing safeguards and religious freedom to all the inhabitants of this country", observed Giani Sher Singh, the Akali leader in his presidential speech at an anti-Pakistan Akali Conference held at Damdama Sahib, a sacred Gurdwara of the Sikhs in Pattala State. He also criticised Cripps proposals.

Giani Sher Singh said that just as various religions were united in China and Japan, there could be the same solidarity in India. He thought that this unity was all the more needed, when the enemy was at their door.—A. P.

B. J. Wadia Hospital For Children

During the year under review the number of Patients has steadily increased. The total number of new out-patients treated at the Hospital was 11,542 of which 9,063 were medical and 2,479 surgical cases.

The Expenses of the last year were Rs. 1,61,708. The Hospital is becoming more and more popular. The daily average number of in-patients throughout the year was 137.3 showing an increase of 2.2 over the last year.

749 operations were performed during the year of which 370 were major and 379 were minor. There were 4,935 specimens examined and reported during the year at the Hospital laboratory. The number of patients who attended the Post-Natal Clinic was 6,142 as compared with 3,426 in the last year. As in the past years the successful treatment in Tubercular disease of spine and joints was continued. The inquiry as regards Calcium Metabolism in children was carried out.

WALK-OUT IN DHARASABHA

Democratic Rules Not Binding On Govt., Says Baroda Dewan

(From Our Correspondent)
BARODA, April 16.

To-day morning when the Dharasabha session met Mr. Munshi made a statement on behalf of Praja Mandal Party that the remarks passed by Dewan about the fundamental right of Dharasabha was not fair.

"We know the powers of His Highness' Government. But the resolution, regarding not giving judicial work to Revenue and Executive officers, passed by Dharasabha was accepted by Government and they passed orders. After that Government changed this order without consent of Dharasabha and when the members protested remarked that democratic rules were not binding on Government. Government may change without consent of Dharasabha. We hope you will change this opinion—and to-day as a protest against these remarks of yours, we all walk-out for five minutes from this Sabha". Then all members of Praja Mandal Party walked-out.

The Dewan continued the proceeding as usual and resolutions given notice of by a protesting member were not taken up as the mover was not in the hall.

This is the first time in history of Baroda Dharasabha that a walk-out was staged.

All members who had walked-out came back after five minutes.

JOGESHWARI ENGLISH SCHOOL

A Jogeshwari correspondent writes:—The annual gathering of the Jogeshwari English School, which was started in 1930 by residents of "Saraswati Bagh"—the Kanara Goud Saraswat Co-operative Housing Society's colony at Jogeshwari—was held on Sunday afternoon under the presidentship of Mr. V. D. Mujumdar, Asst. Commissioner of Income-Tax.

The school, which teaches up to the English 4th standard and has recently secured Government recognition, meets the requirements of the Marathi-speaking people of Jogeshwari, Andheri and their suburbs, as there is no other primary school in the locality teaching through the medium of Marathi. It has, among its teaching staff, one graduate, two S. T. C.'s and an experienced matriculate. There are 41 students on its roll, including few Harijans. The school, which has been housed so far in the tenements of the Co-operative Housing Society at a nominal rental, badly stands in need of independent premises of its own, funds for which are estimated at Rs. 5,000, including the price of land. The committee of the school earnestly hopes that the required amount will be donated by philanthropic persons who have the cause of education at heart. As there is a large Marathi-speaking population, belonging mostly to the poorer classes, in and about Jogeshwari and Andheri, whose children have no facilities for receiving elementary education in Marathi, the present school is supplying a long-felt want and ampler funds and an independent premises of its own, its popularity is bound to increase.

The programme of the annual gathering included dramatic entertainment, music and dances by the pupils of the school. The president, in his closing remarks, stressed the need of helping the school to expand and have its own premises and praised the self-sacrificing zeal of the teaching staff.

Peasants Unable To Pay Revenue Dues

(From Our Correspondent)
AHMEDABAD, April 17.

Nine Mukhi Matadars of Asalali village are granting relief to peasants in respect of collection of revenue, stating they are unable to collect revenue from peasants. Mamlatdar has served notices on 12 peasants to collect the revenue with 'chothai'. The peasants have appealed to the Bombay Government.

Black-out has been enforced in Ahmedabad station area for the past few days.

Karachi Mayor

KARACHI, April 17.

The Mayoral election has been fixed for May 8. In pursuance of the rotation system a Hindu will be elected this year. Dr. Popatlal Bhopatkar, President of the Karachi District Congress Committee, is one of the candidates. United Press.

EVACUATION PLANS FOR AHMEDABAD

(From Our Correspondent).
AHMEDABAD, April 17.

A scheme for organized evacuation of the city in case of emergency has been drafted by the District Congress Committee. The scheme has been drafted according to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's instructions. A map of different roads joining villages has been prepared and arrangements of food, water and residence are made for people going to villages from the city.

Ahmedabad Municipality is also considering such a scheme in adjoining villages and outside Municipal limits.

Exchange Difficulties In Goa

At a meeting of the Goan Associations in Bombay held recently under the presidentship of Rao Saheb Shirgaokar it was decided to send the following telegram to H. E. the Governor-General of India and accordingly it was sent. A similar telegram has also been sent to H. E. the Governor General of Goa.

"Meeting of Goan Associations, Bombay, earnestly requests Your Excellency's kind intervention immediately to relieve hardships of Exchange in British India Currency adopted in Goa adversely affecting amenities of numerous Goan families maintained by emigrants in British India—Rao Saheb Shirgaokar."

SACRIFICE YOUR ALL IN DEFENCE OF MOTHERLAND

Dr. Moonje's Call For Prevention Of India's Disruption

NEW DELHI, April 15.

"We must prepare ourselves to sacrifice our all in the defence of our motherland and prevent by every means possible the disruption of India and frustrate the wrecking policy of British Government. I call upon the Hindus to rally round the banner of Hindudom set aloft the Hindu Mahasabha for the unity and independence of Hindustan."

Thus observed Dr. B. S. Moonje, Vice-President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, in the course of a statement on the failure of Sir Stafford Cripps' Mission.

Dr. Moonje continued: "What a tragic change in the course of hardly a fortnight since Sir Stafford Cripps' arrival, from the stage of hope and vision of Swaraj that was set when Mr. Churchill made the announcement and Sir Stafford Cripps came to India to that of helplessness and frustration of hopes, with the grimness of bloody butchery staring us in the face at the prospect of invasion of India. What a pity that, after having given away on the question of the fundamental Union of our motherland, negotiations were all concentrated and eventually broken on the single issue of Defence Minister. Where will the Defence Minister be if India is allowed to be broken up and partitioned in several independent federations? Will there be a Central Government, a Central Defence Minister and a Central and one Army for the whole of India?

Concluding Dr. Moonje said: "But we must not lose heart, for we are not of those who believe that independence is a commodity that is for sale in the market or can be given away as a gift in charity. We must prepare ourselves to sacrifice our all in the defence of our motherland and prevent by every means possible the disruption of India and frustrate the wrecking policy of British Government. I call upon the Hindus to rally round the banner of Hinduism set aloft by the Hindu Mahasabha for the unity and independence of Hindusthan."—United Press.

13 New Schools Sanctioned

(From Our Correspondent)
ANDHERI, April 17.

Three meetings of the School Board were held under the presidentship of Mr. N. B. Desai, the Chairman and the following items were sanctioned along with others.

The budget for the year 1942-43 for Rs. 1,88,417 was unanimously sanctioned and a provision was made to open 13 new schools Dearness allowance of Rs. 2 each to the employees of the Board getting Rs. 50 and above per month was also sanctioned.

Due consideration was given to the expenditure incurring on account of Physical Education. Sanction was accorded to 29 new schools opened by the School Board and 95 additional teachers have been appointed to carry out the project.

The annual approximate expenditure of these schools is Rs. 25,524. A grant of Rs. 27,000 was admitted for the year 1941-42 in favour of the registered schools and some new schools were also given grants of which one is Urdu school, one Hindustani and one for 'Dongri Warli' and Backward people.

The Secretary of the Adult Literacy Committee informs that the work of the spread of literary education in the Literacy week was carried on satisfactorily and a sum of Rs. 4,500 was collected for the purpose. It is true that the last year's collection exceeded that of this year by Rs. 1,000 yet taking all difficulties into consideration the help got from the public is not disappointing. The Committee is much obliged to the Institutions and the individuals for their sacrifice and co-operation.

India-Afghanistan Road To Be Shortened

NEW DELHI, April 16.

The Afghans have undertaken construction work which when completed will shorten the existing 195-miles road from Peshawar to Kabul by over 30 miles and avoid the Lataband Pass, which is 8,000 feet high and is snow-bound for part of the year. The new alignment which will cut through Tangi Gharu is expected to be ready by the end of 1942.

Rail communication from India to Persia is also being strengthened by extension of the track to Zahidan. The extension branches off the Quetta line, 50 miles this side of Quetta.—A.P.

INCLUDE MUSLIM MEMBER IN ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

POONA, April 13.

An extraordinary meeting of the Managing Committee of the Anjuman-e-Islam, Poona, was held under the presidentship of Mr. Ahmed E. H. Jaffer to protest against the exclusion of a Muslim member from the Maharashtra University Inquiry Committee appointed by the Government of Bombay.

The Anjuman-e-Islam supported the resolution passed by the Governing Board of the Bombay Presidency Muslim Educational Conference at its meeting held in Poona recently, and appealed to the other Anjumans in the Maharastra to hold similar meetings.

It is understood that the Managing Committee of the Anjuman-e-Islam, Bombay will meet in Bombay this week to consider the question further. Mr. Ahmed E. H. Jaffer called on Mr. R. P. Masani, Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University to-day and placed before him the views of his community.

TAKING COVER DURING AIR RAIDS

If Caught In Open Fall Flat, And Rest On Your Elbows

The importance of falling flat (but resting on the elbows), if you are caught in the open during an air raid, is emphasised in Part I of A. R. P. Handbook No. 6 (India), which has been issued by the Civil Defence Department, Government of India.

The most important fact to remember (says the handbook) is that, when a bomb bursts, the blast, splinters and debris all tend to fly outwards and upwards. Therefore, if high explosive bombs are whistling down and shelter is not available, it is better to be in a hollow (even in the gutter) than on the level, and it is better to crouch down or lie flat than to stand up.

The safest position is lying face downwards, resting on the elbows, hands clasped behind the head, and chest slightly raised from the ground to prevent internal injury from earth shock. A folded handkerchief or similar object wedged firmly between the teeth will guard against a broken jaw or damaged tongue.

In the immediate vicinity of an explosion, blast can be sufficient to damage or even demolish buildings. The direct effects on the human body are, on the whole, much less severe. The impact on the body may cause bruising of the lungs and sometimes other organs but serious or fatal injury directly attributable to blast is likely only very near indeed to the point of explosion of the bomb.

The views that blast causes internal injury, by forcing its way into the body through the mouth and nose, or sucking air out through the mouth and nose, have been discredited.

PROTECTING EAR-DRUMS.

The ear-drums are liable to be injured by blast. They can be protected by small pads of cotton wool, which should be smeared with vaseline, if possible, and packed loosely into the ears. This reduces noise as well as shock.

A wall or archway may give protection from bomb splinters and debris as well as from the fragments of shrapnel and spent fragments that accompany an anti-aircraft barrage; but whether indoors or out, it must be remembered that shock transmitted through walls or earthwork can cause serious internal injury, and that it is extremely dangerous to lean direct against any part of a building or trench. A cushion or rolled up coat gives protection.

Failing any substantial cover, the head and other vital parts of the body should be protected in any way possible, for instance, with a thick rug or coat, or even an open book.

KEEP YOUR WINDOWS OPEN.

Indoors, it is better to be behind an inside wall than an outside one, and to avoid being in a direct line with the door or window. Corners formed by chimney breast and other similar features are good places. One of the chief dangers is from flying glass splinters. Open windows offer less resistance to blast, and are, therefore, less likely to be shattered if they are left open. But it is strongly advised to take "further" precautions against flying glass, and details of the recommended methods are given in the handbook.

Having taken cover, stay there. Do not go outside "to see where that one was." Many people have been killed by the next bomb when doing this.

6,000 WORKERS OF G. I. P. RLY. ON STRIKE

BOMBAY, Friday.

Six thousand workmen in the G. I. P. Railway Workshops at Parel went on a stay-in strike at midday yesterday as their demands for an advance of two months salary to send their families home was turned down by the Railway authorities.

The strike continues to-day.

Death Due To Homicidal Stab is Verdict At Inquest

That death was caused by homicidal stab wound inflicted by her father, Abdul Shakoor Ahmad, was the verdict returned at the inquest on Julekhabai aged 19 residing at Worli who was stabbed to death on April 2.

The Jury recommended that the suspect should be prosecuted for murder.

Deccan College Post-Graduate Research

The Government of Bombay has appointed the following persons to constitute the Council of Management of the Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute for the three years ending April 30, 1945: The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bombay; the Director of Public Instruction Bombay Province; the Director Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute Poona; Mr. D. D. Kapadia; Mr. D. R. Gadgil; Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao; Mr. A. B. Gajendragadkar; Mr. R. D. Karmarkar; Dr. S. C. Nandimath; Mahamahopadhyaya P. V. Kane; Dr. M. B. Rehman; and Mr. R. P. Patwardhan.

CRIMINAL COURTS ORDINANCE FOR CHITTAGONG

CALCUTTA, April 15.

In view of the existence of an emergency arising from a hostile attack on Burma and from the imminence of such an attack on Bengal, the Special Criminal Courts Ordinance, 1942, has come into force in the Chittagong Hill Tracts from to-day, according to an Extraordinary issue of the Calcutta Gazette published this evening.

Under the Ordinance the Commissioner of the Chittagong Division will be special judge for the Chittagong (hill-tracts) and all magistrates of the First Class in this area who have exercised powers as such for not less than two years, will be special magistrates.—A.P.

Airgraphs which left India after 25th March, 1942, and upto 29th March, 1942, have been delivered in the United Kingdom, says a Press Note.

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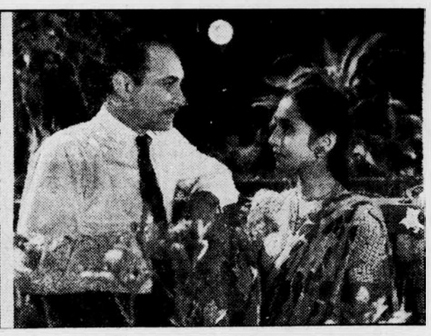

Sitara and Nazir in 'Society' at Novelty and Billimoria and Anuradha in 'Kiski Bibi' at Super.

THESE OLD-TIMERS ARE POPULAR

Black-out conditions in the city do not allow the people to crowd the city's cinema houses for the 9-30 or 10 p.m. shows. But the previous shows in most theatres are quite crowded. People who have sent their families away—and they can be counted in thousands now—have nowhere to go to, after their day's work and they naturally seek entertainment in one or other of the theatres.

This, among other factors, accounts for the popularity of 'Jhoola' at Roxy, 'Apna Ghar' at Krishna, 'Doctor' at West End, 'Bharatmilap' at Majestic, 'Khilauna' at Opera House, 'Pyas' at Imperial and also of 'Naya Sansar' at Kohinoor and 'Shadi' at Chitra.

These are comparatively older releases but their popularity, has, by no means, faded

'MALAN' IN 3RD WEEK AT LAMINGTON

A tender flame of young love which refuses to be dimmed inspite of almost unsurmountable obstacles, spells the theme of Sunrise Pictures' superb social comedy "Malan", now drawing crowds in its third great week at Lamington Talkies, released by Mr. Bachubhai Raval of Select Serial Supply.

Headed by Shanta Hublikar, Balwantsing, Jagdish, Ratanbai and that famous comedian Mirza Musharraf, "Malan" has been applauded as a worthy successor to "Ghar-ki-Laj" creating new records at the Box-office. "Malan" is a down earth social melodrama, unfolding an intensely human tale of a garden girl, whom her own father unconsciously tries to molest. This innocent flower-girl, loving a young and handsome boy a budding poet becomes a victim of dirty game of Zamindar.

This story is cleverly intercepted with numerous comical interludes in which Mirza Musharraf makes the audience roar into laughter. The catchy story directed by Mr. Vishnukumar Vyas keeps the audience spell-bound from beginning to end.

Looking to the crowds that has been now flocking at the Lamington Talkies "Malan" is expected to run for a long time with tuneful song-hits, beautiful story and clever direction. "Malan" has caught the imagination of the Bombay public.

Supported by Alaknanda, Kalyani, Baby Tara and Butt, "Malan" is now in its 3rd week at the Lamington Talkies.

"NIRDOSH" IN FOURTH WEEK AT SWASTIK

National's Nirdosh starring Nalini Jaywant is now in its fourth week at the Swastik Talkies.

Music, songs and dances are the strong points of this picture built around a story with a powerful appeal to the young and the old alike.

In the Marathi version, dialogues are arranged by Mr. Kanekar and songs composed by Mr. Kanekar and Mr. M. K. Shinde both of whom are widely known in Marathi literary circles. Marathi music direction is in the capable hands of the veteran Mr Tembe who is a master of the harmonium and has to his credit a good deal of recorded music.

The Marathi cast too headed by Nalini Jaywant consists of experienced players including Arvind, Vatsala Kunatekar, Dr. Agashe, Waskar, Shevaikar, Mrs. Marathe But it is Nalini Jaywant who as the heroine of this youthful romance dominates the stage by her brilliant songs and dances.

Another comedy-romance drama is also under production on the Minerva floors. It is being directed by Sarvottam Badami and includes Sabita Devi, Motilal in the cast.

Bombay Talkies 'Bandhan' featuring Leela Chitnis and Ashok Kumar will be shown at Broadway from to-day.

Shanta Hublikar in "Malan" at the Minerva.

P. Jairaj in "Khilauna" at the Opera House.

"Pahila Palna" Scores

Performances by Baburao Pendharkar and Shanta Hublikar, who together make a grand romantic team, dialogue sprinkled with choicest repartees, humorous sallies and mordant satire, story offering a delightful expose of modern fad of birth-control and celebacy prevalent among so-called up-to-the minute modern women and direction that is not only smooth and polished but adds to the piquancy of the comedy are some of the high-lights that set New Huns' "Pahila Palna" apart from all other marital comedies in a class by itself.

The screen-play presents Shanta Hublikar as Chitra, the modern faddist, who after hectic romance marries a Zamindar's son, played by Baburao Pendharkar. And then the complications arise when Chitra proclaims her resolve not to have a child and later on of sticking to her career when she becomes a mother inspite of her precautions to the contrary providing most of the humorous situations. What is especially remarkable about these situations of intimate conjugal life touching delicate question of birth-control is that in no way they violate the tenets of good taste. This fact makes "Pahila Palna" an ideal entertainment for the family.

Incidentally, Bedekar, the author-director deserves highest praise for the moral he provides to the modern men and women who seem to be carried away by the fad of birth-control so much that they seem to have lost the zeal of enjoying life to the full. And, no review of "Pahila Palna" can be complete without referring to the excellent production values of the picture which make it technically and artistically flawless. For providing the cinegoers with such fine comedy its producer Baburao Pendharkar deserves a special bouquet of praise.

Kumar as Shahjahan in "Taj Mahal"

Toofan Mail Coming At Super Next Friday

For the first time in our Cine Industry two biggest concerns, Shree Ranjit Movitone Co., and Wadia Movitone have united to produce the greatest hit of the season "Return Of Toofan Mail."

This screen play is more thrilling than Ranjit's record breaking picture "Toofan Mail" and more hilarious than Wadia's smashing hit "Hunterwali". It is quite different from these pictures.

It has a stirring story packed with thrills, action, drama and suspense.

The story and direction are by Aspi.

The cast of this photoplay is headed by Aroon and Shamim. They are ably supported by Jagdish, Dixit, Ghori, Hari Shivdasani, Feroze Dastur, Rajni and others. This picture will be released at Super next Friday.

"SOCIETY" DRAWS HEARTY CHEERS

Hind Pictures second offering "Society" is running for the third week at the Novelty Cinema—where it continues to draw crowded houses.

Directed and produced by Nazir who gave the India screen the first picture dealing with Hindu-Muslim Unity now gives one subject vitally connected with Indian social life—whether Man should be a slave of society ignoring the basic demands of sentiments.

Ravi, a son of a millionaire, while on pleasure trip meets a village girl Veena. Her unsophisticated manners draw him to her—and love springs between them. They are married and he brings her to the town. Her father is against the union—but Ravi is adamantine in his resolution. He is derided by his friends and the society in which he moves for marrying a village girl. But Ravi decides to train her up as to how to behave in society. He trains her up but poor Veena blunders. Jeered by society Veena decides to teach society a lesson—and her husband too. She learns how to behave in ultramodern society—and then start sequences after sequences at breakneck speed—and thus Veena wreaks vengeance on society and her husband.

Sitara plays the role of Veena to perfection—from an unsophisticated girl do a debonaire Society Lady—it is all a big game of emotion—which only an actress of her capacity could do justice to.

Mr. Nazir, gives a fine performance as Ravi—and his direction is very clever.

Majjid, Shyam Alaknanda and others give good performances.

The picture is running for the 3rd Week at the Novelty Talkies.

"KIRTI" AT MINERVA

A fascinating love triangle to date is presented in Venus Pictures maiden offering "Kirti" running to crowded houses in 2nd week at Minerva where it was released through New India Film Corporation last week.

The story of "Kirti" relates how a girl brought up in the wild fields visited a city for the first time and then by attracting the attention of the lover of her aunt's daughter created a tangle. To safeguard the interest of her own daughter the aunt arranged the village girl's marriage with a man old enough to be her father—and as the ill luck would have it he did turn out to be a father of her lover. These two love triangles provide a stirring drama in which a woman's courage and readiness to sacrifice for others happiness are depicted in vivid detail.

"Phir Milenge" In Final Stages

The production of "Phir Milenge", Sohrab Modi's new social vehicle, is now in its final stages. Dealing principally with a stage-director and the two women who so startlingly influence his life, its story is played against a background of unique romance and light drama in which suspense takes some surprising twists. The cast includes some names of particular marquee value.

It features Sardar Akhtar, the renowned emotional actress who has many a brilliant characterisation to her credit; Meena who rose to stardom overnight in "Sikandar" and Sadiq Ali, the veteran hero of so many Minerva Pictures. To sport these players and build the dramatic contents of the story to its full worth, K. N. Singh, Eruch Tarapore and Abu Bakar are also included in the cast.

Leaders See Topicals

NEW DELHI, (By Mail)

A show of topical film was given to a selected gathering of journalists at Odeon last week and the short films exhibited were "The Bardoli", "Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek Press Conference", etc.

Amongst those present were, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, Shri Rajgopalachariar, Dr. Pattabhisitaramaya, Shankerrao Dev, Mr. & Mrs. R. K. Nehru and some local leaders.

At the end of the show Shri Rajagopalachariar complimented Mr. K. S. Hirlekar, the Producer of the topicals, for the excellent productions.

Nurjehan in 'Khan-Dan' shortly coming to West End.

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Imperator v. Pandu Krishna ..... Accused.

This case came up before their Lordships for confirmation of the sentence of death passed upon the accused by Mr. C. C. Hulkoti, Sessions Judge of Nasik, on 11th February, 1942, together with the appeal preferred by the accused against his conviction.

Ganga, an old decrepit man residing at Kamadpada, a small hamlet with 10 or 12 houses a suburb of Talegaon Dumala had two wives, one Yamni and the other Bhiki, the deceased, who was about 30 years' old. Ganga had engaged the accused as a farm servant since some years past. The accused who was a young unmarried youth became intimate with Bhiki. In order to break this criminal intimacy Yamni got the accused married which Bhiki resented. As a result of this on 15th August, 1941, a quarrel ensued between Bhiki and the accused from an incident in which the accused beat Ganga's bullocks yoked rather mercilessly. On 17th August, 1941, early in the morning, Bhiki went into the cattle-shed where the accused was at that time sleeping alone in a cart-frame. Nobody knows what really happened at the cattle-shed after Bhiki entered but from there Bhiki never returned and ultimately her dead body was found lying in a corner of the cattle-shed with several wounds on her throat and the accused had absconded.

After re-considering the entire evidence on record, their Lordships agreed with the Sessions Judge that the accused was guilty of the murder of Bhiki but their Lordships reduced the sentence of death to one of transportation for life.

Mr. Vijay R. Desai appeared for the accused.

The Government Pleader appeared for the Crown.

BOMBAY HIGH COURT CLOSES FOR SUMMER VACATION

The Bombay High Court closed for the Summer Vacation commencing from Monday, 20th April, 1942, and ending on Sunday, 14th June, 1942, both days inclusive.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Wadia and the Hon. Mr. Justice Sen will be the Vacation Judges.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Wadia will hear Insolvency matters on Tuesday 21st April, 1942, and will take Summary Suits and Short Causes on Wednesday, 6th May, 1942.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Sen will hear Insolvency matters on Tuesday, 19th May, 1942, and will take Summary Suits and Short Causes on Wednesday, 3rd June, 1942.

Any other urgent work will also be taken up on 24 hours' previous intimation.

HOME GUARDS

(From A Correspondent)

A meeting of the workers of factories situated in Mazagaon and citizens residents in Mazagaon convened by Messrs. N. N. Menon and George Lobo was held in the Nawab Tank Maidan yesterday with Mr. Tayab Shaik in the chair, for the purpose of organising Emergency Defence Committee and Volunteer Defence Corps.

Messrs. Tayab Shaik, George Lobo, Bokhari and Marathe spoke. The meeting was followed by enrolment of volunteers to which there was a very encouraging response.

CHARGED UNDER PROHIBITION ACT.

Kasam Haji Tayeb and Ahamed Abbas who were charged with selling intoxicating liquor without licence, on the 27th of August, 1941 the former was acquitted and the latter was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 30 or in default, to three weeks' rigorous imprisonment, by Mr. K. J. Khambhatta, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Court.

An allotment of Rs. 25,000 has been sanctioned by the Bombay Government for the grant of gratuitous relief to persons in scarcity affected areas of Palghar and Dahanu talukas and Umbergaon peta of the Thana district. An allotment of Rs. 23,000 has been sanctioned for expenditure on relief works in the Sholapur district.

MR. VIJAY BHATT

DIRECTOR OF 'BHARAT MILAP'

Honoured at Surat

Presentation of an addresses and a Silver Casket

(From A Correspondent.)

SURAT, 14, Tuesday.

After receiving special invitations from the prominent citizens of Surat, Mr. Vijay Bhatt, director of 'Bharat Milap', and Mr. Balchandra Shukla, Production Executive of Prakash Pictures visited Surat on last Saturday and Sunday. Their two days' programme at Surat was crowded with many functions in their honour. Their arrival at the station was greeted with a warm welcome by prominent citizens of the city. At a public meeting at Besant Hall, presided over by Divan Bahadur Chunilal, high tributes to Mr. Vijay Bhatt's services to art and culture were paid by several speakers including Mr. Ratan Marshal, Prof. Vishnuprasad Trivedi, Mr. Sattvasukh Vora and Prof. Mohanlal Dave. A public address in a costly silver Casket was also presented by Dr. Hiralal Lakdawala at the meeting.

The All-India Theatres Syndicate Ltd., also arranged a grand function at the New Super Talkies, under the Presidency of Principal Dabu, when an address with Casket and a cup and several other silver articles and a shawl from Shree Chandulal Kapadia were presented to Mr. Vijay Bhatt.

Besides these, a series of parties in their honour were arranged by Gandiv Sahitya Mandir, the management of Moti Talkies and the journalists of the city. Another interesting function was a public discussion, arranged by Narmad Sahitya Sabha, where Mr. Vijay Bhatt answered over a hundred questions put to him by the audience.

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OUR READERS' VIEWS

Mr. Jinnah's Demand

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I have read with sorrow and agony the statement made by Mr. Jinnah to the press, persisting in his demand of Pakistan at this critical stage when Japan is bent up on invading India and has already invaded and subdued a large portion of Burma,—an integral part of India till very recently. One can understand the demand of a "True National Government" made by the Congress—and how could it have been a 'true" National Government without the Muslims having a deciding voice in it—in order to bring about an all out moral and material support of Indians for defending India against the Japanese aggression, but to persist that Pakistan should be conceded before the Muslim League lift a finger to collaborate with the other parties for the defence of the country is an outrage on good sense and patriotism. It is just like the younger brother persisting, when the house was on fire, in demanding a separate bath-room in his paternal house, before playing the hose-pipe.

Does Mr. Jinnah hope to exact 'Pakistan' from Japan after the subjugation of this country? If so, then he is living in a fool's paradise.

May I ask Mr. Jinnah to ponder over the memorable words of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru—"Who lives if India perishes"? We Muslims had expected a clarion call from Mr. Jinnah to the peoples of India, to sink their differences of caste and creed at this hour of National emergency and misfortune and to gird up their loins to defend their motherland against the ruthless invader in all possible manner, despite Government's apathy and attitude, because that is the Islamic way of doing one's duty by one's mother-country.—Yours, etc.,

NAWABZADA MURTAZA ALI KHAN,
69 D'Monte Park Road,
Bandra.

The Black-Out

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I have just made my first "involuntary" contribution of Rs. 10 to the War Fund—I hope for Indian soldiers!

The crime? A 16 candle power bulb through a properly shaded table lamp and curtains, the nearest being 6 feet away, was alleged to have thrown a glow into the ceil.

"The Intelligent Sleuths"? Two six-feet Police Inspectors supported by a sepoy. These clever people (a) thought the case was too much for them to use their discretionary powers or (b) had the powers, but no intelligence to use their discretion! This particular glow alleged to show at sea was seen by them from only a distance of 100 feet at the most and they never went anywhere near the sea to substantiate their charge.

But seriously don't the authorities think that fining "panwalas", "bidiwalas" and inoffensive citizens is just futile?

Go up to Hanging Gardens any night, but take a special blackout night,—and see the bright glow from the dock and other areas around; see lights here and there from the Colaba Military area; then drive to the Hornby Vellard and see something very much like search lights pointing into the sky and the glow from the mills; if you want more bright lights, go around the various Maharajas' palaces; if you are not yet satisfied take a stroll down the Dhobi Ghauts and see the "bhattis" blazing away and finally run down to the Taj and see all the ships in the harbour lit up as if it was Divali!

If, after all this, you still think a glow from a 16 candle power bulb properly shaded through curtains and facing towards Chowpatty i.e. 'not out' to the sea that matters deserves a prosecution, I'll eat my hat. (The joke is the whole building itself "glows" on moonlight nights more ferociously than any 16 candle power bulb ever did! !)

Consequently these full grown men paid by the taxpayer should be given more important work than prosecuting poor panwalas, bidiwalas and such like folk, as it is not the blackout that is going to save Bombay from being bombed, but more fighter planes, more "Ack Ack" guns, more aircraft carriers and more intelligence in the prosecution of this war than has been shown so far.—Yours, etc.,

"A BUNK BUSTER".

Ex-members Of Parsi Battalions

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—It is nearly 22 years ago that Bombay had an opportunity of seeing its healthy vigorous Parsi youths collecting at the Skating Ring near the city's Corporation Hall to enlist themselves into a body of enthusiastic volunteers in defence of their country. Their enthusiasm was so much that Colonel Levy had to raise two such battalions of these Parsi youths. These healthy lads numbering over a thousand by their smart soldierly bearing and keenness soon drew recognition from their Superior officers and the then military authorities in the country.

I need not enter into the futile talk of how these two splendid institutions came to be disbanded somewhere in 1926. But surely a lapse of two decades could not have wiped out that picture of enthusiasm from the eyes of many who had seen these Parsi youths on parade grounds and in their camps. One asks what has happened to these youths? What has happened to the officers and men of these two Battalions? Of course, they must have aged by 20 years now, but surely they are not all dead! Why not enrol them now, irrespective of their present age when in very near future every able bodied man will be required for the defence of this very city?—Yours, etc.,

V.

A Dadar Complaint

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Early in March the tank near Louis building off Gokhale Road, Dadar, commenced being filled in by the owner of the property. The material being used for filling in this tank was all sorts of filthy rubbish and collections of all the dust bins in the locality, with the net result that habitation of the area for a considerable distance around this tank became almost unbearable, as the stench of this rotting garbage increased. As a natural sequence, the nuisance of flies and mosquitoes became also unbearable bringing in their wake fevers and other maladies usually associated with this pest.

The matter has been referred, as far back as the 7th March, to the Health Officer and subsequent letters addressed to the Bombay Municipality under 13th March, 20th March, 24th March and 4th April have only produced two post-cards from this Department stating that "the matter will be enquired into". It is now over a month since the complaint was first lodged and no action appears to have been taken. Surely as a tax-payer and a citizen of this city one can expect this sort of thing to be promptly dealt with by the Health Department when brought to their notice.—Yours, etc.

A. MENDOZA.

Dadar.

Lala Shanker Lal In Detention

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—My uncle, Lala Shanker Lal, ex-General Secretary Forward Bloc and Managing Director, Tropical Insurance Co., Ltd., is in detention under the Defence of India Rules, having been arrested on the 9th of November 1941 at Bombay. From the date of his arrest till date—a period of 5 months—despite repeated requests, my aunt, Mrs. Shanker Lal has been allowed only two interviews on 26-2-42 and 23-3-42 respectively, while myself only one in her company on the second occasion. I understand that not one officer of the Company of which Lala Shanker Lal is the Managing Director has been allowed to see him to take instructions or discuss business propositions which are bound to arise in the working of a large insurance office like the Tropical. The Government of the Punjab as also the local authorities seem to exhibit a very unhelpful demeanour in the matter of interviews with Lalaji. It is laid down by them that every time an interview is desired by a party a fresh application for the purpose should be made which will be considered on its merits. It is also demanded by them that the purpose of such an interview must also be disclosed. There might be some justification for this procedure where an applicant is a person whose "bona fides" need examination. But it is curious that Lalaji's own kith and kin, his own wife or his nephew should be made to stand in supplication for the grant of an interview with their own loved one at present detained without trial and in an underground cellar unfit for habitation by any living being.

It was on the 31st March 1942 that my aunt Mrs. Shanker Lal and myself applied to the local authorities for interview. Nothing having been heard in the matter we had to send a reminder on the 7th instant. No one knows when the application and its reminder will catch the eye of the authorities. In the meantime we may go on pining for the sight of Lalaji for ought the authorities care.

It is a matter of common knowledge that the detenus at Deoli Camp, who were arrested in the Punjab under Defence of India Rules had the privilege of being interviewed by their relations and friends twice a month and in each interview 3 persons could be present. A list of approved friends and relatives was with the Superintendent of the Detention Camp and these persons could interview by applying to the Superintendent without any further reference to the Provincial Government. Similarly in the matter of exchange of correspondence which of course, was subject to censorship they were permitted to write two and receive four letters per week. I do not understand as to why similar facilities are not granted to Lala Shanker Lal. He is detained in Delhi, his wife and relatives and the officers of the Company of which he is the Managing Director are all in Delhi. If artificial barriers on grounds of administrative difficulties assumed or otherwise are not raised there is no reason why the authorities should not be able to extend the same facilities as were being afforded to Deoli detenus in the matter of interviews and correspondence by compiling a list of approved persons authorised to interview Lalaji at regular and prescribed intervals and furnishing facilities to exchange correspondence subject to censorship. May I, therefore, expect that the hardships which all those connected with Lala Shanker Lal, his wife and his relatives and the Officers of his Company, are being put to will be soon eradicated and their legitimate grievances removed?—Yours etc.

GYAN PRAKASH.

New Delhi, April 10.

An Incident At Jogeshwari

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—An incident which occurred at the Jogeshwari station on the morning of 10th April, requires a public notice and hence I request you to be kind enough to allot a little space in your paper and oblige.

At 8-25 a.m. a down-train arrived at the station and the passengers for the Jogeshwari detrained and started going, as usual, by crossing the railway line. Jogeshwari, being a small station with a light traffic, neither the railway staff nor the watch and ward police have ever objected or stopped passengers from going out, by trespassing. On the morning of 10th April, the passengers of the above-mentioned train were allowed to go half-way on the line and then were, at once, stopped by the watch and ward police and brought back before the watch and ward officer, who informed the passengers that they were guilty of crossing the railway line. Then, after a while he took out the war-plane fund book from the pocket and asked the "culprits" to purchase one ticket each. Further, he reminded them of the trouble and hardships which each would have to undergo, if, taken to the police court. The passengers, among whom were innocent Bhayyas, bought the tickets and were allowed to go.

Will the authorities concerned take notice of this incident and do the needful?—Yours, etc.,

D. L. MODI.

Sarojini Road,
Vile Parle (West).

Paper Prices

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—Even though the Government have controlled the prices of paper, paper is not available at the prices fixed by them. Many of the paper dealers, who are more than a hundred in Bombay, point-blank refuse to sell their paper stock at standard scheduled rates. And in such cases they equally refuse to give their invoice at the price they sell their stock. Some firms even refuse to accept cheque, it being not a legal tender.

Some paper dealers state that their existing stock was purchased by them at a high price and, therefore, they cannot afford to sell it at a lower rate and thus incur definite losses to themselves and their firms. Others say that fresh stock is not received nor mills execute their orders. If the mills were to deliver to them paper ordered out long ago at the rates settled, they too would consider the question of supplying the paper when delivered at their doors at proportionately lower prices than at present. When the mills are not prepared to put through the old booked orders they ask why should the dealers in papers be blamed. All such true, half-true and incorrect arguments are put before the consumers of paper. The latter then, compulsorily become prey to high prices.

The one reason of high prices is due to the gambling of stock amongst many of dealers themselves. They had all hoped—and still hope—to get the prices they would dictate and then went on raising the prices. The fixed prices do not affect these dealers. They all have earned not by hundreds but by thousands and lakhs. There is no exception to this statement.

Any business done without submission of sale bills looks shady and creates suspicion. It has not morale behind it.

The mills' agents and representatives have similar grounds to say that the quality of paper required by the purchaser is not available and, even if available, full quantity cannot be spared! If, again, he is not an old direct customer of these Agents, he has very poor chances to get goods from them. He has perforce to go to his other suppliers and pay what is demanded of him.

Dealers in paper without least doubt have earned a lot. If they could be satisfied with reasonable margin of profit, not only their own patrons and the press proprietors would be contented, but also the people in the street who daily need printing would be equally happy.

If dealers in paper show still stiffer attitude it becomes necessary either (1) entirely to stop buying from such dealers or (2) to ask Government (which is least desirable) to meddle in private business affairs for the good of the consumers.

All stocked paper in the Bombay market can and will be easily purchased by consumers within a short time if Government were to declare their decision to sell the commodities of those holders at fixed rates. The dealers had gambled unlimitedly and if they lose owing to speculation, they would have to thank themselves. Immediate control of stock distributed here as well as in mofussil may be done, as the Germans and Japanese were rounded up during midnight, when the war was declared. Of course, this drastic step is the final remedy if no purpose is served by the fair and square means and methods.—Yours, etc.

A CONSUMER OF PAPER.

Price Control

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Much criticism has appeared in the papers, and some papers have attempted to show themselves as benevolent sages by criticising high prices in the interests of masses. But scarcely any one has gone into the roots of the causes of the high prices. The first factor can be attributed to the action of the Commerce Department of the Central Government. They are touching the Indian commodities and Indian goods, while they leave untouched the imported goods. It is not realised by the general public that price trend in India takes its guidance from the selling prices of imported goods. Now the Commerce Department have given licenses for the imports of goods from foreign countries, and these licenses have proved to be licenses to make profits from 200 per cent. to 300 per cent. by those fortunate to get such licenses. There does not seem to be the least idea of the control of prices for goods imported under the license. The Import Trade Controller also imposes fines of 60 per cent. and even 100 per cent., and this leads to prices being raised to that extent for a particular commodity. Even the licenses can be sold by public auction, for even 70 per cent of the licenses amount. So here the Commerce Department cannot touch the fair lady of price for foreign goods. A few examples will show this:—

Item: Combs prewar price 1/10, license 80 per cent. fine, present price 10/8, cost 3/8, item: Shafting pre-war price 15, license present price 80, cost 22, item: Drills: prewar price 1, license present price 10, cost 1/8 item: Pencils: pre-war price 2/12 license: present price 9, cost 4, item: Hoops: pre-war price 12 license present price 60, cost 22, item: Buttons: prewar price 5/4, license present price 24, cost 6/12.

The above instances will suffice, and it is not difficult to imagine who are the most organised importers with plenty of finance in these days.

Now for Indian commodities and Indian goods for export, the Commerce Department have also issued licenses. Who does not know that export of groundnuts some time back gave a flat profit of even 40 per cent to the exporters, when Indian prices were highly depressed. Even to-day, India has no steamers to load her goods for export. So the foreign steamers carry Indian goods purchased at very low prices, which now can be sold in foreign countries with heavy profits.

Foreign shippers demand the condition of open orders, and prices to be agreed to the ruling prices at the time of shipment. India willingly pays those prices, because imported goods can be sold at prices above stated.—Yours, etc.

F.

WORLD OF SPORT: HOME AND ABROAD

Mystery Of The Marathon Race At Lahore

(BY LOOKER-ON)

Who won the Marathon Race at the last Indian Olympic Games at Lahore?

Many people have not heard it. In fact there is a mystery behind it. It is alleged that the declared winner was helped with bicycles on the way and that actually L. Pereira of Bombay, who was leading would have finished first, if his rival had not overtaken him in the manner stated above. It is said that the road judges had raised an objection but the referee, Prof. G. D Sondhi, overruled it.

FULL INVESTIGATION NECESSARY.

Any way, the matter was brought up before the last meeting of the I. O. A. Council. And it has appointed a Committee of Inquiry. I hope the matter will be fully investigated and justice done. At any rate the mystery should be cleared up beyond a shadow of doubt.

TOLL OF PENTANGULAR

We were told by persons in authority that the last Pentangular Cricket Tournament was a great success despite by the agitation in the press and the picketing at the Brabourne Stadium. If the accounts of the Hindu Representative Matches Committee of the P. J. Hindu Gymkhana is any indication, it may be declared a hopeless financial failure as it was from the sporting point of view. I am told the Gymkhana lost over Rs. 6000 in the bargain. Taking into consideration the fact that this Gymkhana had a deficit of nearly Rs. 8000 in the previous year, it may be stated with certainty that the credit balance of Rs. 50,000 will not take long to wipe out, if this ruinous policy is persistently followed. The position of the other institutions must be equally bad, however bold a face they may try to present against anti-Communalists. Let us hope wiser counsels will prevail ere long and we shall hear the last of communalisms in the field of sport in the very near future.

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CRIPPS ON ESSENTIALS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT

CALCUTTA, April 16.

"It seems to me inevitable that if India is, as I believe, she desires, to have full and independent self-government, the recognition given to the rights of women must be a recognition based on the force of Indian opinion and not on the requirements imposed by His Majesty's Government."

Thus writes Sir Stafford Cripps, Lord Privy Seal, replying to a letter addressed to him by Mrs. Hassima Murshed, Parliamentary Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

Mrs. Murshed in her letter to the Lord Privy Seal, wrote about the position of women as envisaged in the proposals of His Majesty's Government for the future of India which Sir Stafford had been discussing with leaders of this country.

Sir Stafford observes; "I am, of course, myself anxious to see rapid improvements in the position of women in India but it seems to me inconsistent with the recognition of the right of Indians to frame their own constitution that the British Government should endeavour to impose particular requirements in a matter of this kind.

Women having some representation in Provincial Legislative Assemblies, will have a voice in the selection of the Constituent Body, and I should hope that any constitution framed by it would provide generous recognition of the due rights of women in political and social matters."

Mrs. Murshed wrote to Sir Stafford that the part played by the women legislators under the present constitution, entitled the women of India to a greater share of the responsibilities in the administration of their country. She stated that having regard to the fact that His Majesty's Government had already imposed the obligation to make adequate safeguards for racial and religious minorities, the omission of women was calculated to give rise to misapprehension of the intention of His Majesty's Government with regard to the necessity of providing representation for women.

"It is true that no statesman worth the name charged with the duty of framing the future constitution will contemplate such a retrograde step as the elimination of women from the future legislature nevertheless it is felt that the specific mention of racial and religious minorities in the War Cabinet's Proposals without a simultaneous mention of the rights of women is fraught with potentialities for neglect of their just and legitimate dues."—A. P.

Indian Prisoners In Italy Will Be On Air Today

BANGALORE, April 16.

The Secretary, Apostolic Delegation of the East Indies, Bangalore, informs the "Associated Press" that messages from Indian prisoners of war in Italy will be broadcast from the Vatican in Rome at 4-30 p.m. Roman time (between 8 and 9 p.m. Indian (Standard Time) on April 18.

The broadcast will be in English on 19.84 metres. The messages to be broadcast are stated to be from Indian prisoners taken in Cyrenaica.—A. P.

DUTCH OFFICERS ON MURDER CHARGE

LONDON, April 17.

The Dutch reserve officers Bomm and Kreuthof were charged with the murder of Mussert, Militar Commander of Dortrecht and brother of the Dutch Nazi leader in the Hague on Thursday, says the German controlled Oslo radio.

During the German offensive against Holland these two officers entered Mussert's office to arrest him as a traitor.

He resisted and was shot by the officers.—Reuter.

SUGAR RATIONING IN U.S.A.

WASHINGTON, April 17.

Everyone in the United States is to be allowed half a pound of sugar weekly for the first fortnight of the sugar rationing programme, it is learned here.

Citizens will register for rationing tickets on May 4, 5 and 6.—Reuter.

7,000 p.c. Increase

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, April 17.

Gen. Somervell, Commanding the U. S. Army Supply Services announced that shell loadings have increased 7,000 per cent. as a result of a new method for producing artillery shells. He said that a new process also is being used to increase production of heavy gun barrels which will enable one American factory soon to produce in a month more than the British factories together produced so far during the war.

CRIPPS THANKS

NEW DELHI:—The following telegrams have been exchanged between His Excellency the Viceroy and the Rt. Hon. Sir Stafford Cripps:—

From Sir Stafford Cripps to the Viceroy:

"May I send to you and all your staff the most grateful thanks from myself and my colleagues for your kindness and help throughout our visit? I should like to take this opportunity, through you, to thank all the Civil Administrations throughout India at the Centre and in the Provinces for the work that they are doing in these difficult days. The part that each one of them plays may help or hinder the war effort upon which the safety of India depends, and I am certain that they will all with the fullest sense of their responsibility do their utmost to assist in the speedy and efficient organisation of all those many services which must contribute to an effective defence of India. Times will be difficult, but victory can be assured if each gives his total effort regardless of personal considerations. My thanks and best of good wishes to you all."

VICEROY'S REPLY

From the Viceroy to Sir Stafford Cripps:

"Warmest thanks on my own behalf and that of the Civil Administration of India for your inspiring message. Your appreciation of the importance of their task and the spirit in which it is being discharged will be most deeply valued and a real encouragement to persist in that total effort till victory is assured that is so essential to-day."

"CRIPPS MISSION HAS NOT FAILED"

NEW YORK, April 17.

The Cripps mission has not failed said the Agent-General for India in the United States Sir Girja Shanker Bajpai in a broadcast here on Thursday night.

"It has placed the sincerity of Britain's resolves to give India her freedom beyond doubt", he said

"Japan's promises cannot undo the good this mission has done because no patriotic Indian believes those promises."—Reuter.

MENDACIOUS NAZI PROPAGANDA

LONDON, April 17.

In view of Sir James Grigg's decisive majority of 5,700 at the Cardiff parliamentary by-election it is a nice commentary of the mendacity of German radio propaganda that it broadcast from the German controlled Oslo radio the following announcement on Thursday evening.

"Sir James Grigg, Secretary for War has been defeated in the Cardiff by-election by the independent candidate. This result is proof of the British public's opposition to the Churchill Government".—Reuter.

QUISLING BOWS TO PUBLIC

Bishop Berggrav Of Oslo Released

STOCKHOLM, April 16.

Bishop Berggrav of Oslo, who was arrested last week was released by Quisling yesterday, according to the Oslo correspondent of "Stockholm's Tidningen". "Special measures have been taken to prevent him from resuming political activities", the report adds.

Quisling still regards Bishop Berggrav as guilty of high treason but has acted on a provision of the Norwegian Penal Code making it possible to discontinue legal proceedings out of consideration for wishes of the public.

The Quisling Minister of Justice said that Quisling had released Bishop Berggrav owing to the political situation. It had not yet been decided whether other Norwegian clergy were to be released, he added.

Bishop Berggrav and three other members of the clergy were arrested last Friday and sent to the Bretvedt concentration camp near Oslo.—Reuter.

PATTABHI ON CRIPPS' SHORT MEMORY

Assurance Which Induced Azad To Call Cabinet Meeting

BEZWADA, April 14.

Dr. Pattabhi Seetaramayya, Member, Congress Working Committee, passed through Bezwada this morning "en route" to Masulipatam, after attending the Delhi Congress Working Committee Meeting.

When his attention was drawn by a press representative to Sir Stafford Cripps' charge against the Congress that it brought the Cabinet responsibility at the last stage, Dr. Pattabhi observed: "Sir Stafford Cripps apparently has a short memory though a keen intelligence. It was only on his assurance on the first day to the Congress President to that effect, that the Congress at all chose to carry on the talks with him. It was this statement to Maulana Azad that corrected his first impression formed on the 25th March that induced the Congress President to summon a meeting of the Congress Working Committee and it was this statement of the Congress President that made the Working Committee to consider the proposals".—A. P.

Zafrullah Khan's Powers

NEW DELHI, April 14.

Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan, Agent General for India in China, will be responsible to the Viceroy who is in charge of the Foreign Portfolio of the Government of India, and he will represent the Government of India in all respects.

Sir Muhammad has selected Mr. H. E. Richardson, I. C. S., Political Department, Government of India as his Secretary and Major Nadir Ahmed as his Personal Secretary.

Sir Muhammad will retain his seat on the Federal Court and while he functions as Agent General for India in China he will be treated as Judge of the Federal Court on deputation.—A. P.

HARRIMAN GROUP ENCIRCLE GLOBE IN 121 HOURS

NEW YORK, April 17.

Arising out of comparisons with Mr. Harriman's record round the world flight in 121 hours, cabled on Wednesday, a War Department spokesman, now explains that the Harriman group flew considerably greater milage than Howard Hughes who did the circuit in 91 hours in 1938 using what was then a much shorter route than that generally taken by flyers encircling the globe.—Reuter.

IF EMERGENCY ARISES IN DELHI?

Evacuation Arrangements: Police Chiefs' Letter To Municipality

NEW DELHI, April 16.

"It is reasonable that those citizens who are not employed in any essential service, in the production of war equipment or in the civil defence work, should begin to leave Delhi as soon as the city comes within effective bombing range of the enemy and it is probably desirable that the Provincial Government having been advised that the stage has been reached should announce to the public that such a reduction of the population will be in the general interest having regard to the inevitable confusion and dislocation which would attend a raid", says the Chief Commissioner of the Delhi province in the course of a letter to the President of the Delhi Municipal Committee.

"In Delhi", the letter adds, "it may be that 20 per cent. of the population would act on the advice".

To sum up. Three classes of evacuees have been considered.

1. Those non-essential persons who leave in accordance with the preliminary advice of the Provincial Government. A conservative estimate is perhaps 20 per cent.

2. Sudden exodus after raids, one dozen way-side camps, each to accommodate some 12,000 persons, would be established along the probable lines of flight.

3. Persons rendered homeless. Camping grounds near Delhi would be prepared to receive say 25,000 of these.

ANOTHER "PEARL HARBOUR" PLOT

(From Our Correspondent)

JASPER (Texas), April 16.

Revelation of a Jap-German-Italian-Spanish spy ring in U. S., which was planning another "Pearl Harbour" is promised by Chairman Martin Dies of the House Anti-Sedition Committee.

Dies said he is planning to hear 100 witnesses at a nearby farm "to conceal their identity", and he predicted that their testimony would bring wholesale indictments", which will reveal the full story of enemy agent set up."

Plea For Grant-In-Aid To Meet Any Emergency

The communication from the Chief Commissioner to the Municipal Committee was considered at a meeting of the Committee held this morning with the Deputy Commissioner in the chair.

In reply to some members, who asked for elucidation of certain passages in the letter which they said had caused misunderstanding, the Chairman pointed out that the proposals to deal with evacuation and other matters mentioned in the letter were intended to be applied if and when the local Government announced that an 'emergency' had arisen. He emphasised that the letter did not mean that such an emergency at present existed or was apprehended, but was written in reply to the Municipal Committee's letter sent along with a scheme for dealing with 'emergency', should it arise.

The Committee eventually decided to appoint a sub-committee to approach the Local Government for a grant-in-aid to enable them to meet any 'emergency'.—A. P.

WOMEN'S NAVAL AUXILIARY RESERVE FOR U. S.

WASHINGTON.—The House of Representatives by a voice vote passed to the Senate Legislation creating a women's Naval Auxiliary Reserve open to any woman over 20. A measure creating a Navy Auxiliary Corps is already pending in the Senate.—Reuter.

The Indian Globe Cyclists, Messrs. K. J. Kharas, R. D. Gandhi and R. D. Shroff who are due to arrive in Bombay on Sunday morning.

Globe Cyclists Arrive In City Tomorrow

Huge Procession To Parade City: Reception At Matunga And Brabourne Stadium

The three Indian Globe cyclists, (Messrs. Kharas, Gandhi and Shroff) are arriving, to-morrrow (Sunday). They will be received by the Mayor of Bombay, Dasturji Framroze Bode and Sir Jehangir Boman-Behram at Ramnarayan Ruia College, Matunga at 7 a. m. After the ceremonies they will start at 7-30 a. m. with the hundreds of cyclists, motorists and motor cyclists in procession. The route to be followed is as under:—

Vincent Road, Dadar, Parel Road, Lal-bag, Byculla, Clair Road, Belasis Road, Lamington Road, Queen's Road and from Churchgate Street to the North-East end of the Brabourne Stadium and into the Brabourne Stadium through the Stadium gate on Churchgate Street.

At the Brabourne Stadium, the Sheriff of Bombay will receive the cyclists and introduce them to Sir Homi Mehta, the Chairman of the Indian Globe Cyclists Reception Committee. Thereafter Mr. Symmington, the A. R. P. Controller, Bombay will receive them. Then Sir Homi Mehta will welcome them, addressing the vast gathering.

The cyclists will then recite their experiences.

The Bombay Provincial Congress Committee has published a message of welcome to the Indian Globe Cyclists. Congress Cyclists will also join the procession. Mr. Tyrell, the District Commissioner of the Boy Scouts in Bombay, has permitted the Boy Scouts to take part in the cyclists' procession, in their uniforms. Mr. Symmington has asked the A.R.P. Cyclists Corps to take part in the procession, in their A. R. P. uniforms. The Civic Guards of Fort Division will also turn out under the leadership of Mr. A. A. Jasdanwala, the Chief Adjutant to welcome the cyclists.

A Bus has been reserved for Press reporters and Cameramen. A band will accompany the procession. The procession will be halted in some localities where local institutions may desire to garland and honour them.

MAYOR WELCOMES INDIAN GLOBE CYCLISTS

Mr. Y. J. Meherally, the Mayor of Bombay welcoming the Indian Globe Cyclists says:

I have great pleasure in welcoming to their native land Messrs. Kharas, Gandhi and Shroff—the three great Indian globe cyclists, who have covered 55,000 miles round the world during a period of 9 years. During their journey, they have faced many grave dangers, but their fine spirit of adventure has triumphed above them all. I am glad to notice that they have had the pleasure of welcome from distinguished personalities all over the world. It is therefore but fit and proper that we who claim them as our fellow countrymen should give them a rousing reception in appreciation of their great achievement which has carried the name of India to the remotest corners of the world. I offer my hearty congratulations to all these gentlemen for their exceptional adventure courage and fortitude and for their very fine achievement, and appeal to the citizens of Bombay to give them a fitting welcome when they arrive in Bombay on the morning of Sunday, the 19th April.

TAGORE & JAPAN

Mrs. Dodwell's Statement, Imaginary And Mischievous, Says Poet's Son

SANTINIKETAN, April 16.

Mr. Rathidranath Tagore has issued the following statement to the press:—

"My attention has been drawn to the Press report of remarks made by a Mrs. Dodwell in connection with my father at the World Congress of Faiths in London. It is surprising that such an entirely imaginary and mischievous statement should have been made before any responsible audience. We cannot guess what motives might lie behind such public manifestations of unscrupulousness. Nobody could possibly have dared to approach my father with proposals of that sort and he was not approached by any Government or agency as mentioned in the statement. The whole thing is fabrication from start to finish and indicates a peculiar political and moral degeneration of mind which obtains in irresponsible circles."

Japs Out To Make A Quisling Of Poet!

Following is the report referred to above:

LONDON, April 13: The Japanese tried to make a quisling of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, the great Indian Poet who died last year according to Mrs. Marcia Dodwell, speaking at the World Congress of Faiths in London.

Some time before the Poet's death, the Japanese approached Dr. Tagore and other Indian leaders whom they had selected as possible puppets.

He was asked to try to persuade Indians to adopt a plan for an Empire consisting of India, China and Ceylon with the Japanese leaders. Dr. Tagore refused to have anything to do with the Japanese, Mrs. Dodwell said.—Reuter.

'REDS' SHOT AS REPRISAL

Sequel To Attack On Nazi Soldier And Attempt On Barracks

STOCKHOLM, April 16.

"Communists" have been shot in Paris as reprisal for the attempted murder of a German soldier at his post and an attempt to blow up German barracks according to telegrams from Berlin.

Gen. von Stuelpnagel, military governor of the occupied territory, is threatening to shoot more "Communists" and Jews if the people responsible for the two incidents are not captured to-morrow (Friday).—Reuter.

JAPS WON'T GET DUTCH OIL FOR ANOTHER 6 MONTHS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.

The Japanese will not be able to get the oil wells in the Netherlands East Indies working for at least another four to six months, declared Dr. Van Mook, Lieutenant-Governor of the Netherlands Indies, in an interview here.

Describing the thoroughness of the scorched earth policy in the N.E.I. Dr. Van Mook said that oil stocks, refineries, machineshops, transport, and harbour establishment had been completely destroyed and as far as he was aware not a single seagoing vessel had fallen undamaged into Japanese hands.—Reuter.

Jap Ring In Argentine

BUENOS AIRES, April 17.

Important information on an "anti-democratic organisation directed by an Asiatic power" has been obtained by the Parliamentary Commission into anti-Argentine activities, it is learned in Buenos Aires. A number of documents bearing on this organisation have been discovered by the Commission. A report on the matter will be laid before the Chamber next month.—Reuter.

MACARTHUR BRINGS UNITY OF COMMAND, SAYS VAN MOOK

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.

General MacArthur's appointment as Supreme Commander in Australia was described by Doctor Van Mook, Lieutenant-General of the Netherlands East Indies as "An exceedingly happy solution of the problem of unity of command." Dr. Van Mook arrived here from Australia 'en route' to Washington.

NAZI NATIONALS TO BE INTERNED IN "ISLE OF PIGS"

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 17.

A concentration camp on the "Isle of Pigs"—a natural fortress off the Brazilian coast—is being prepared for Axis nationals.

The Government will expel 160 German undesirables when Axis diplomats sail from here shortly.

The newspaper "A Platea" which published open Nazi propaganda before the rupture of diplomatic relations and continued it in a disguised form afterwards is to be closed down.—Reuter.

RADICAL PRICE-FIXING STEP IN AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA, April 17.

Regulations have been gazetted fixing prices to those prevailing on Wednesday on approximately half-million goods and services in Australia, including fire, accident, non-mutual life insurance, doctors and dentists' fees but not banking, mutual life insurance or commonwealth and states' services.

No changes are allowed except on application to the Prices' Commissioner.

The action is regarded as the most radical price fixing step taken in the Empire in war-time —Reuter.

Power To Destroy Dangerous Animals

NEW DELHI, April 18.

By a new Defence of India Rule published to-day powers are given to Central and Provincial Governments to destroy animals which have been seriously injured or which are dangerous, or at large, or out of control, as a result of enemy action.

It is not the intention that this rule should be used except in case of absolute necessity, and there need be no fear that animals, whose owners are temporarily untraceable, will be destroyed unless they are in fact a danger.—A. P.

Inspector Wade — THE COAT OF ARMS — By Edgar Wallace

COME OUT—WITH YOUR HANDS UP!
THEY'RE HOLDING GUNS!
GUNS, EH? THAT TAKES CARE OF THAT—OUT WE GO!
GO AHEAD! INSIDE!
OH!
BATS! NICE PLACES YOU PICK OUT, LOCKE!
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